

Feds won't investigate Tesla electric car fire

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U.S. auto safety regulators have decided not to open a formal investigation into the Oct. 2 fire that damaged a Tesla electric car near Seattle.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says there's no indication at this time that the fire was caused by a safety defect.

The agency says it reviewed all available data and will continue to check consumer complaints and other information.

The Tesla Model S hit road debris on a freeway in Kent, Washington. The debris punctured a shield on the battery, touching off a [fire](#) that engulfed the front of the car.

The driver escaped without injury and firefighters put out the flames.

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