

# GM and DoorDash to deliver food with self-driving cars

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General Motors is teaming up with the delivery service DoorDash to use self-driving cars for meal and grocery orders

Food delivery service DoorDash on Thursday announced it is teaming up

with General Motors to test using self-driving cars to deliver meals and groceries in San Francisco.

A [pilot program](#) with the US automaker's Cruise Automation division will start in March, according to the San Francisco-based startup launched in 2013 by Stanford University students.

"We're kicking off our pilot in San Francisco, a complex and intricate city where Cruise has been testing vehicles for the past three years," DoorDash special projects operations lead Penn Daniel said in a release.

"We look forward to scaling and improving the delivery experience."

DoorDash has created a system to move food from merchants to autonomous vehicles, then notify customers when orders are on the cusp of arrival, according to Daniel.

The alliance adds to growing ranks of companies out to automate "last mile" deliveries with robotic carts or aerial drones that autonomously navigate payloads to destinations.

Japanese carmaker Honda late last year joined forces with General Motors tech startup Cruise to develop autonomous vehicles.

Major automakers, start-ups and tech firms are racing to develop truly [autonomous vehicles](#), which the industries see as the next frontier in personal mobility.

Alphabet-owned Waymo said late last year that a self-driving car service it is testing would be opened up to more people in the Phoenix, Arizona, area.

Waymo early last year announced it was adding as many as 62,000 Fiat

Chrysler minivans to its autonomous fleet in an expanded collaboration announced by the companies.

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