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Are EV Sales Up or Down?



It depends on where you live.

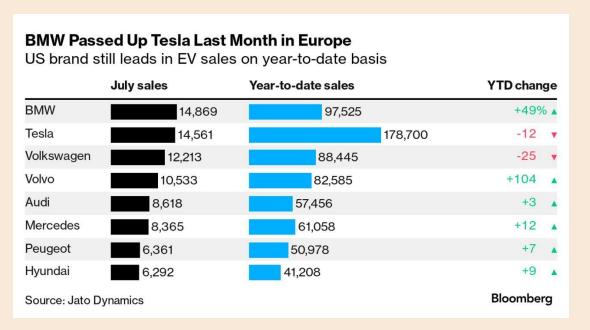


It's only one month but Tesla's registrations were down 16%.

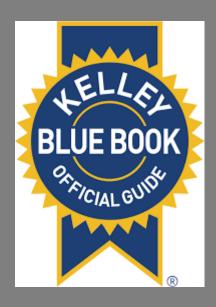
More important to EV advocates – overall monthly sales were down 7.8% in July.

For the sevens months to July, sales in Germany – the EU's largest EV market – were down 12%.

BMW passes Tesla in Europe



- Not to kick a company while it's down but as a car company, Tesla is a dead company walking.
- This is not a recent opinion. I've long thought Tesla's technology lead would disappear, and Musk's somewhat arrogant strategy would catch up to them.
- I'm confident in this position because I've seen it all before in technology.
 - It rarely pays to lead in a market that doesn't really exist. That describes Tesla.
 - Now that the market is emerging, major players like BMW and Mercedes are entering. And they offer more than a handful of models and know how to build cars in volume.



Unlike the European market, according to Kelly Blue Book, year-over-year EV sales in the U.S. were up 11.3% in Q2.

However, the growth wasn't driven by increased consumer demand per se. Higher discounts and increased leasing levels were contributing factors.

Meanwhile in the US...



- Bad news for Tesla: While sales at most other companies (except Chevy) are up,
 Tesla sales are down.
- More bad news for Tesla: The company's sales were down 6.3% despite the fact that overall sales were up.
- Whys stop now even more bad new for Tesla: In the second quarter, Tesla's share of EV sales fell below 50% (49.7%) for the first time in the U.S.

I'm not predicting that Tesla as a company will fail, only as a car company. Tesla has numerous other technologies (batteries, charging network, autonomous driving, maybe Al...) that will continue to make it relevant.

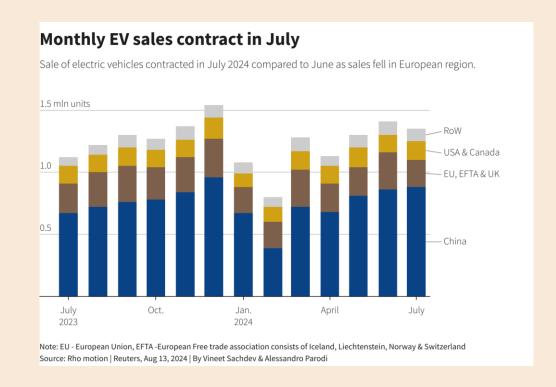


A BYD's electric vehicle (EV) REUTERS/Tingshu Wang/File Photo

Although global sales of fully electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids (PHEV) declined in July, they are up 21% on a year-over-year basis.

Worldwide a total of 1.35 million EV and PHEV vehicles were sold, 880,000 of which were in China.

And China remains the "big dog"



- Sales of plug-in hybrids in China were up 70% for the first seven months of this year.
- Chinese manufacturer BYD is now the world's biggest EV maker. In the same period its EV sales increased 13% and its PHEV sales increased 44%.





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