

# MOBILITY ON THE GO

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## **ROTH** [Mercedes Drive Pilot Beats Tesla Autopilot by Taking Legal Responsibility](#)

MACK HOGAN 3-20-2022

"Mercedes will accept full legal responsibility for the vehicle whenever Drive Pilot is active. The automaker hopes to offer the system in the U.S. by the end of 2022."



What's the difference between Drive Pilot and other ADAS systems? Mercedes claims to be the first OEM "to get international certification for a Level 3 system," and is hoping to extend that approval in the U.S. on a state-by-state basis. But even in Germany, where Drive Pilot is approved, Mercedes will only take legal responsibility if the vehicle is operating under fairly narrow conditions. For example, the vehicle must be operating under 40 mph, on limited-access divided highways with no stoplights or other features; on pre-mapped roads (like SuperCruise); during daytime; and not in inclement weather.

If Mercedes is successful in the U.S., Drive Pilot could be a game-changer for ADAS technologies and liability determinations. As the author of the article observes, "Drive Pilot is a watershed moment for the fledgling autonomous car industry. For the first time, a consumer-facing semi-autonomous driving system is not leaning on the crutch of the beta test, or relying on the constant vigilance of the human operator. Drive Pilot is a confident, competent robot that is, finally, legally driving."

## **PYMNTS.com** [Connected Car Data Solves Fleet Managers' Pain Points](#)

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"With 90% of new cars sold in the U.S. connected and able to send data to the automakers, there's a lot of data out there that can be valuable to those who manage fleets or offer services to car owners." The challenge is in translating the data into consistent and usable formats to provide insight into consumer behaviors and solve issues for fleet owners. Potential uses highlighted here include location/tracking for rental car companies, EV charging reimbursements, and facilitating UBI without external devices.

## **FOX BUSINESS** [Paris Taxi Driver Files Lawsuit Against Tesla After Fatal Crash](#)

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"Driver claims car accelerated on its own."

According to the driver's attorney, a criminal complaint was filed "...alleging that Tesla put lives of others in danger." However, the decision has yet to be made whether the driver will be charged with manslaughter, as the incident is still under investigation.

## **SMARTCITIESDIVE** [The 2020s will be a 'Transformative' Transportation Era, Buttigieg says at SXSW](#)

DAN ZUKOWSKI 3-17-2022

"With regard to electric passenger vehicles, for example, 'We also need to make sure that the electric vehicle revolution happens on equitable terms . . . because there are a lot of people who would benefit the most from the fuel savings but are either priced out of EVs right now or they live in multifamily dwellings, and [charging is] not as simple as just plugging in your garage.'"

\* [South by SouthWest or South By](#)

## **electrek** [Elon Musk Personally Delivers First Made-In Germany Tesla Model Y at Gigafactory in Berlin](#)

FRED LAMBERT 3-22-2022

Tesla is very excited about its entry into the European market with a new factory in Germany. Its location will facilitate shipping of Tesla's expected annual production of 500,000 vehicles to European customers, and it will "free up some production in the US and China for other markets."



The expectation is that neither the Austin nor Berlin factories will be at full capacity in 2022.

## **IBUSINESS** [General Motors Places Additional \\$3.5bn Bet on its Self-driving Tech after SoftBank Exits](#)

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"GM is leveraging the strength of its balance sheet to capitalize on the opportunity to increase its equity investment in Cruise and advance our integrated autonomous vehicle strategy, Mary Barra, chief executive of GM, said in a statement."



GM will have an 80% stake in Cruise after buying out SoftBank Vision Fund's investment for \$2.1bn. Microsoft, Walmart, and Honda Motor are the other shareholders, representing the remaining 20% of the shares.

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## **CNBC** [Starbucks, Volvo Launch a Pilot EV Charging Network at Coffee Giant's Stores](#)

MICHAEL WAYLAND 3-15-2022

Have a latte while your EV recharges!

If you drive from Denver to Starbucks' headquarters in Seattle, you might see these charging stations along the route. This pilot program will install "60 Volvo-branded, ChargePoint DC fast chargers at up to 15 Starbucks locations along a 1,350-mile route."

