Tesla Inc / TSLA

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Current price	Daily move	Bid / Ask	Previous close
$366.92	**+8.84 +2.47%**	**$366.71/$366.85**	**$358.08**

Market	**NYSE**
Industry	**Automobiles**
Market data as of	**Sep 17, 2026 11:32 PM EDT**

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JW Rank	Rank label	Confidence	IV percentile
58.7 / 100	**Balanced**	**high**	**13 / 100**

Model reference	Upside scenario	Risk reference	Wheel strategy fit
$360.00	**$385.00**	**$348.00**	**66 / 100**

Options stance	**mixed**
Tail-risk safety	**56 / 100**
JW Rank data coverage / as of	**100.0% | Sep 17, 2026 7:51 PM EDT**

Key insight

TSLA Option Market Implies Uncertainty Amidst Mixed Signals

Market read

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Strategy context

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JW AI conclusions

Short- and medium-term model interpretation

AI context bias	**Bearish**
AI analysis updated	**Sep 17, 2026 1:41 PM EDT**

Short-term scenario

Cautious/wait for pullback; today's bounce into resistance with high uncertainty from Cybercab regulatory deadline (Sep 30) and lofty valuation. Not chasing; high volatility likely.

Three-month outlook

Highly uncertain. Potential catalysts: Cybercab/Robotaxi progress, Oct 1 Roadster event, possible merger rumors, Q3 earnings (Oct 21). Risks: NHTSA Cybercab compliance, high capex/negative FCF, competition, PE 340+, delivery misses, broader market. Could trade 320-420 range; analysts mixed with ~8% avg upside to $397. Expect continued high volatility; no strong directional conviction.

Market sentiment

Mixed/cautiously bullish among retail. Optimism on short squeeze, SpaceX merger (some $480-600 targets), Robotaxi/FSD/Optimus. Sentiment trackers showed swings (e.g. 7.0 then drop to -2.0). Trader discussion groups forming. Long-term faith in Musk vision/autonomy but short-term caution on valuation, regs, and recent weakness. Some older posts noted negative sentiment.

Supporting evidence

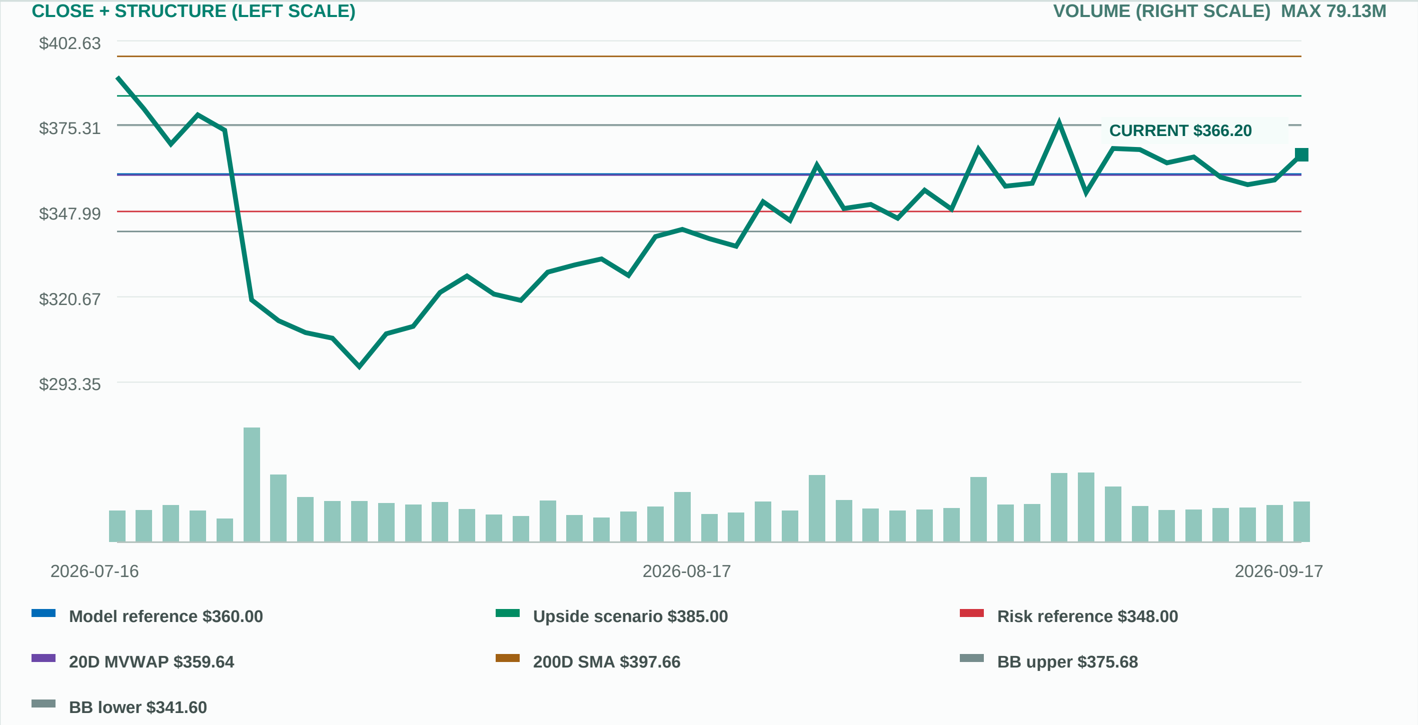
Short-term bullish momentum indicators (RSI, MACD) are present but long-term bearish signals persist (death cross). | Backwardated term structure with higher IV for near-term options indicates uncertainty about future price direction. | High implied volatility (41.48%) reflects market anxiety surrounding upcoming events like the Cybercab deadline and Q3 earnings. | Mixed sentiment from retail traders, with optimism on short squeeze and merger speculation countered by caution regarding valuation and regulatory risks.

Risk watch

Cybercab regulatory deadline (Sep 30) could trigger significant price swings. | Q3 earnings release (Oct 21) may disappoint investors and lead to further downside pressure.

Enhanced price structure

45 trading days with volume, model levels and current technical reference bands



45 complete trading-session observations

JW Rank factors

Score, source coverage and interpretation for each decision factor

JW RANK FACTOR PROFILE	COVERAGE	0 – 50 – 100	
Liquidity	100.0%		97.6
Strategy Fit	100.0%		66.0
Technical Trend	100.0%		62.3
Market Tail Risk	100.0%		56.3
Fundamental Quality	100.0%		37.8
Volatility Pressure	100.0%		32.9

Decision summary

Primary model reads before the detailed indicator appendix

Momentum	Institutional flow	Structure	Volatility
bearish_warning	**Above MVWAP**	**Below 200D trend**	**medium**

Decision indicators

Detailed momentum, institutional and structural observations

Momentum kinematics

Direction, velocity and oscillator state

Current read	**BEARISH WARNING | neutral | MACD decelerating**
Trend signal	**BEARISH WARNING**
RSI signal	**neutral**
RSI (7 / 14 / 21)	**57.57 / 54.81 / 52.65**
RSI velocity	**1.10**
MACD line / signal / histogram	**3.79 / - / 3.59**
MACD acceleration	**-0.26**
Stochastic K / D	**40.36 / 39.59**

Institutional footprints

Volume-weighted cost, price location and flow

Current read	**Above institutional MVWAP | Accumulation bias**
Institutional flow	**0.81**
20-day MVWAP	**$359.64**
Price vs 20-day MVWAP	**+2.02%**
Daily reference VWAP	**$367.85**
Price vs daily reference	**-0.25%**
Volume	**27.91M**

Structural context

Long-term trend and volatility boundaries

Current read	**Below 200-day trend | Positive macro velocity**
Macro velocity	**0.89**
20-day / 200-day SMA	**$358.64 / $397.66**
Bollinger range	**$341.60 - $375.68**
Bollinger position	**0.722**

Options and volatility intelligence

Structure, premium conditions and principal risks

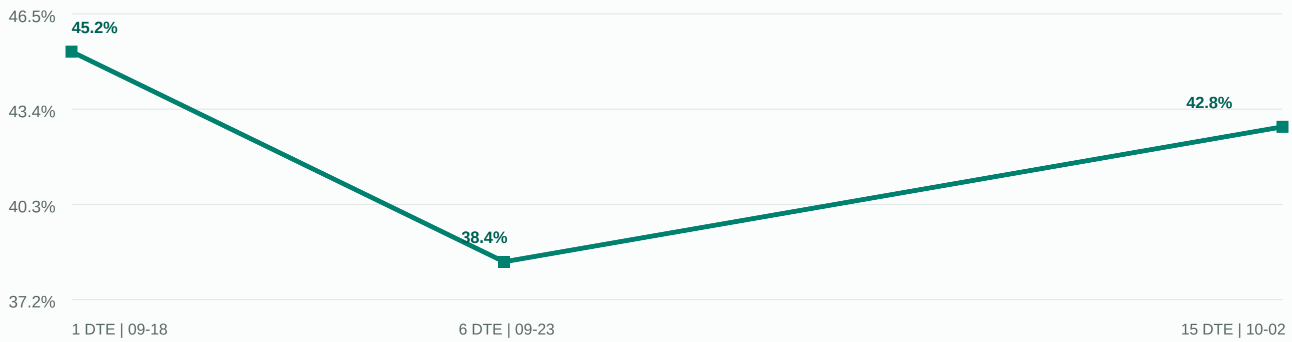
IV rank	IV percentile	VVIX	SKEW
25 / 100	**20 / 100**	**88.56**	**145.95**

Market regime	**Calm**
Tail-risk regime	**NORMAL TAIL RISK**
Term structure	**backwardation**
Term slope	**-2.44 pts**
Skew read	**balanced**
Liquidity / quote coverage	**100.0%**
Options Snapshot IV sources	**ATM: option chain | Rank/percentile: fundamentals**
Options Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 2:38 PM EDT**
Options data quality	**Coverage 88.9%**

Option term structure

ATM implied-volatility curve by days to expiration

ATM IV CURVE



Downward-sloping ATM volatility term structure

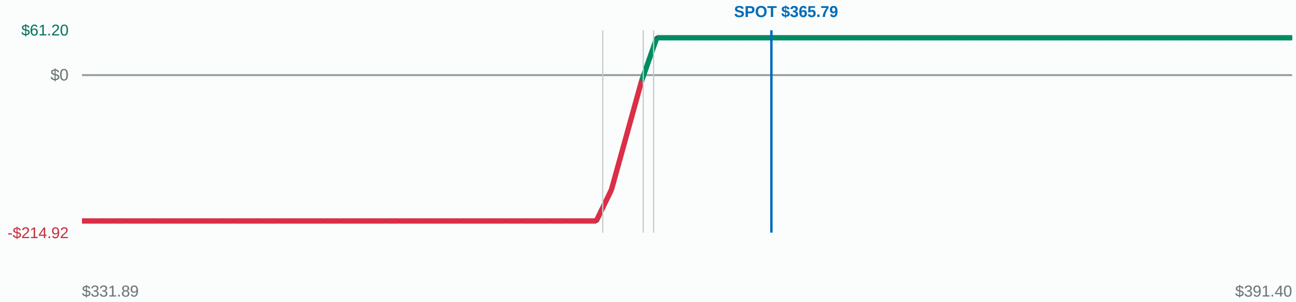
EXPIRATION	DTE	ATM IV	STATE
2026-09-18	1	45.2%	-
2026-09-23	6	38.4%	-
2026-10-02	15	42.8%	-

Reference spread payoff

Illustrative expiry profit/loss per one-lot structure, including quoted net credit

Bull Put Spread reference

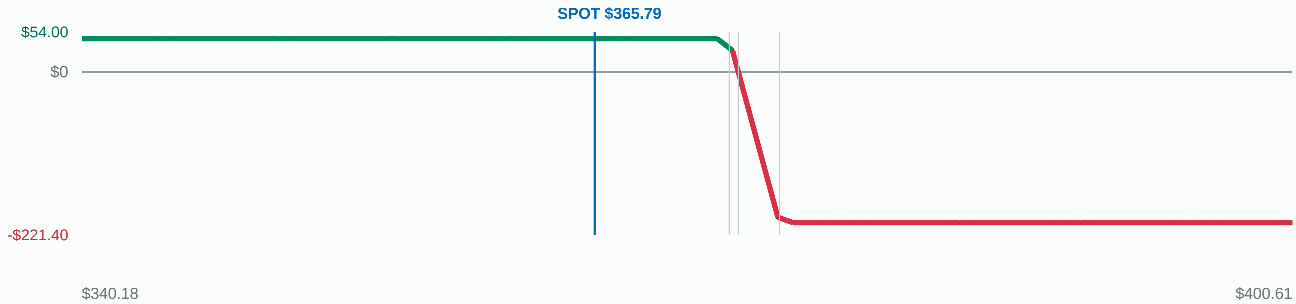
Short $360.00 | Long $357.50 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.51



Max profit $51.00 | Max loss -$199.00 | Break-even $359.49 | Per contract at expiry

Bear Call Spread reference

Short $372.50 | Long $375.00 | Width $2.50 | Net credit $0.45



Max profit $45.00 | Max loss -$205.00 | Break-even $372.95 | Per contract at expiry

Event and tail-risk context

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

Next earnings date	**2026-10-21**
Earnings IV-crush risk	**NOT MEASURED**
VIX	**15.53**
VVIX	**88.56**
SKEW index	**145.95**
Observation confidence	**high**
Option quote quality	**reliable**
Contracts observed	**140**

Event and tail-risk context (continued)

Known event windows and broad volatility conditions

FIELD	VALUE
Contracts with quotes	**140**

Strategy fit

Generalized structure fit; not a personalized recommendation

Market structure

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Principal risks to monitor

Cybercab regulatory deadline (Sep 30) could trigger significant price swings. | Q3 earnings release (Oct 21) may disappoint investors and lead to further downside pressure.

Fundamentals and events

Business quality, valuation and upcoming event context

Market capitalization **$1.41T**	P/E (TTM) **370.03**
ROE **4.6%**	Revenue growth **5.2%**
EPS growth **-33.3%**	Operating margin **4.2%**
Net profit margin **3.7%**	Gross margin **-**
Free cash flow CAGR **18.2%**	Debt / equity **0.10**
Dividend yield **-**	Beta **1.75**
52-week range **$297.38 - $498.83**	

Company or fund profile

Issuer identity and classification

Name **Tesla Inc**	Market **NYSE**
Industry **Automobiles**	Country **US**
Currency **USD**	IPO date **2010-06-29**
Shares outstanding **3.95B**	52-week return **-13.0%**
Book value per share **$23.13**	Revenue per share **$29.27**

Website	tesla.com

Latest strategy observation

Most recent shared general market signal available when this report was generated

TSLA Covered Call signal

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Covered Call | 2026-09-18

At signal $368.61 | Current $366.92

SHORT **Option $367.50 B $5.50 / A $5.70**

High turnover | Conservative | CR $5.60

Complete technical details

Full supporting indicator set used by the symbol detail experience

Volatility and options market

Price movement and premium conditions

ATR	**$13.43**
ATR as % of price	**3.7%**
Volatility environment	**medium**
Current IV	**40.6%**
IV rank	**22 / 100**
IV percentile	**13 / 100**
Technical Snapshot IV source	**Private fundamentals snapshot**
Technical Snapshot IV observed at	**Sep 17, 2026 3:51 PM EDT**

Technical health and risk radar

Derived indicator health and event context

Overall health	**65 / 100**
Trend health	**38 / 100**
Momentum health	**100 / 100**
Volatility health	**55 / 100**
Structure health	**78 / 100**
Earnings risk / date	**low | 2026-10-21**
Macro risk	**unknown**
Volatility risk	**medium**
Structure risk	**low**

Structural indicator levels

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

SMA (20 / 50 / 200)	**$358.64 / $351.09 / $397.66**
EMA (9 / 21)	**$361.37 / $357.51**
Bollinger upper / middle / lower	**$375.68 / $358.64 / $341.60**

Structural indicator levels (continued)

Moving averages, volatility bands and observed trading ranges

FIELD	VALUE
Bollinger %B	**0.722**
True high / low	**$374.12 / $358.08**
5-day true high / low	**$374.12 / $354.05**

Three-day indicator history

Short-horizon change and the underlying three-session observations

INDICATOR	3-DAY CHANGE	SESSION 1 / 2 / 3
SMA20	0.893	**-**
SMA50	-0.906	**-**
MVWAP20	0.806	**-**
MACD	-0.256	**-**
RSI	1.104	**-**
Volume	1516475.330	**-**
ATR	-0.144	**-**
T1	-	**3.51 / 358.61 / 365.05 / 354.89**
T2	-	**3.93 / 357.79 / 362.39 / 354.05**
T3	-	**4.56 / 357.22 / 367.73 / 357.04**

Detailed options evidence

Supporting option-chain, execution and data-quality observations

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Options data coverage	**88.9%**
SKEW regime	**HIGH TAIL RISK SKEW**
VVIX regime	**VVIX FLAT**
Front expiration / DTE	**2026-09-18 | 1 DTE**
Front at-the-money IV	**45.2%**
25-delta skew	**-0.62**
Put / Call 25-delta	**$360.00 Delta -0.246 / $372.50 Delta 0.245**
Median option bid/ask spread	**2.6%**
Bid/ask spread	**-**
Contracts observed / quoted	**140 / 140**

Price context

Last Price: 365.79 | Bid: 365.76 | Ask: 365.81 | Previous Close: 358.08 | Change: 7.71 | Daily change: 2.15% | Update Time: 2026-09-17T14:38:21.024910-04:00 | Latest History Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest History Price: 365.79

Historical context

Trading-day sample: 60 sessions | First Date: 2026-06-24 | Latest Date: 2026-09-17 | Latest Price: 365.79 | Max Drawdown 60d Percent: -29.86%

Fundamental context

Current Iv Percent: 41.48% | Iv Rank: 25.45 | Iv Percentile: 19.52 | Next Earnings Date: 2026-10-21 | Ex Dividend Date: N/A

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