

Sample of Incidents Involving Vehicles Equipped with Automated Driving Systems

- A recent report claims that internal documents reveal that Cruise knew their cars “struggled to detect large holes in the road and have so much trouble recognizing children in certain scenarios that they risked hitting them”, yet they still deployed their vehicles on city streets. [[The Intercept, November, 6, 2023](#)]
- Waste truck drivers, including those represented by Teamsters Local 350, have complained about the frequency of automated vehicles blocking their vehicles and slowing their work. According to one representative, there have been as many as 55 incidents this year alone. [[BBC, August, 28, 2023](#)]
- Similar stories have been reported across the country, including a recent crash involving an autonomous shuttle operated by BEEP in Florida, which crashed into a bus just two days after beginning operations on public roads. [[WKMG, August 22, 2023](#)]
- A Cruise robotaxi failed to yield and crashed into a firetruck just one day after the city filed a motion asking the state to pause its implementation of expanded driverless car operations by Waymo and Cruise. [[CBS, August 18, 2023](#)]
- Unable to safely detect road construction, a Cruise vehicle drove past cones and got stuck in wet cement. [[SF Gate, August 15, 2023](#)]
- In just one night, at least six Cruise vehicles were reportedly seen abruptly stopping and causing a massive traffic jam outside of a San Francisco music festival due to – according to Cruise – “wireless connectivity issues” caused by concert attendees. [[KRON4, August 12, 2023](#)]
- In April, 2023, a Cruise AV operating with nobody inside blocked the path of a firetruck, which was only able to pass when a sanitation truck driver ran from their work to move their parked vehicle and clear a path. “This incident slowed SFFD response to a fire that resulted in property damage and personal injuries,” city officials wrote in a filing submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission. [[Wired, May 27, 2023](#)]
- Firefighters having to break windows to take control of automated vehicles to prevent dangerous operations from putting others in harm's way, including a Waymo vehicle that continued operating where emergency workers were putting out a fire, nearly running over the fire hose and firefighters. [[Mission Local, May 1, 2023](#)]
- Actors in this industry who have repeatedly demonstrated no regard for the safety of passengers or other road users, like Tesla, have repeatedly created annoyances for commuters when their vehicles simply stop operating. Recently, when Tesla’s so-called Full Self-Driving (FSD) feature malfunctioned on the Bay Bridge, nine people – including a two-year-old child – needed medical attention and traffic was backed up for hours. [[The Intercept, January, 10, 2023](#)]
- Numerous reports of Cruise, Waymo, Tesla, and other automated or semi-automated vehicles blocking traffic and behaving erratically have flooded the news, including multiple Cruise vehicles blocking bus lanes and holding up traffic, in one case stopping just inches from a San Francisco Muni Bus. [[SF Gate, Sept 27, 2022](#)]