

What Industry Experts and Bipartisan Leaders are Saying About Fisker and Tesla

Fisker

"The cars that they want to buy are high quality, have long -- you know, great guarantees, look good, drive well. That is what the Fisker car is, and I'm an unabashed fan of it ... Remember, a company like Fisker and a company like Tesla, for that matter, sell worldwide. It's just not America."

- Tobin Smith, NBT Equities Research

"Fisker's foray into the world of plug-in hybrids—the fuel-sipping, grand touring Karma—is outrageously sexy, legitimately economical, and packs a terrific ride...The Fisker Karma is a standout luxury and performance vehicle, period. It does double duty as head-turning grand touring machine and fuel-sipping hybrid, making it the first vehicle of its kind."

– Colin Matthews, Popular Mechanics

"It's the competition who should be nervous."

– Pat Devereux, Top Gear Magazine (cover story)

"Quite frankly, the electric car's Scotch-taped-glasses image has waited a century for a guy like Henrik Fisker to come along. His Karma is a jaw-slackening design manifesto from its fangy grille to turbulent tail, with those giant wheels punctuating it like the paws of a big jungle cat."

– Kim Reynolds, Motor Trend magazine (cover story)

"For now, the Karma is likely the reigning champion of economy in the luxury market."

- Ben Timmins, Automobile Magazine

DOE funding for Fisker "would bring Delaware one step closer to building 21st century cars" and "help restore the building [vacant Delaware plant] back to the world-class auto manufacturing facility it once was."

-U.S. Senators Ted Kaufman, D-Del., and Tom Carper, D-Del., and Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Castle, in a joint statement

Tesla

"What we are witnessing today is an historic example of California's transition to a cleaner, greener and more prosperous future. We challenged auto companies to innovate, and both Tesla and Toyota stepped up in a big way, not only creating vehicles that reduce emissions and appeal to consumers but also boosting economic growth. Tesla, just a start-up company a few years ago, will soon employ Californians in green jobs on a large scale at the former NUMMI plant. In fact, Tesla's founding and expansion in California is a direct result of our nation-leading policies that support demand for green products and the companies and people who produce them. I am thrilled with today's announcement and can't wait to see what this partnership brings next."

– California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

"Tesla has the expertise of understanding the very complex nature of making a battery electric car work. That's what makes them valuable."

-John O'Dell, senior editor and green car advisor at Edmunds

"Tesla will be around 100 years from now because of its commitment to technology and change. If you look at car companies like General Motors (GM) and Ford (F), back in their day they were great technologies. The future of transportation is going to require more and more technology, which Tesla is doing."

-Tom Taulli, an independent IPO analyst

“With the price of gasoline continuing to rise, increasing environmental concern among an increasingly larger segment of buyers, and with government regulations worldwide demanding ever-cleaner cars, Tesla could be positioned in just the right spot at just the right time, with plenty of room for expansion.”

—Mark Vaughn, Autoweek