

FSD Strikeouts, Explained

Free guide to video #3 · how Tesla's attention check works, how you lose FSD for a week, and how to get strikes back.

WHAT THIS GUIDE COVERS

What the cabin camera watches · how warnings turn into a strikeout · the 3- or 5-strike rule · how strikes drop off · where to check yours · what happens if you stop responding.

1 The camera is watching

A small **cabin camera above the rear-view mirror** checks whether you are paying attention to the road. It **still works with sunglasses on**.

2 How a strikeout happens

- Look away: the screen says "**Please pay attention to the road.**"
- Keep ignoring it: **stronger sound and flashing alerts.**
- Ignore those: FSD turns off **for the rest of the drive.** That is **one strikeout**.

3 Lose it for a week

Get **5 strikeouts** (or **3** on some cars, depending on how the car is built) and FSD and Autosteer are **suspended for one week**.

It counts **every driver of that car**, not just you. Regular cruise control and the safety features still work.

4 How strikes drop off

Each strikeout is **forgiven after 3.5 days**, as long as you do not get another one in that time.

It used to be 7 days. Tesla cut it to 3.5 in software update 2025.32.

5 Check where you stand

Tap **Controls > Self-Driving**. It shows how many strikeouts you have left before a suspension.

6 If you stop responding

If you do not take the wheel back, the car plays a **steady chime**, turns on the **flashers**, and **safely pulls over** by itself.

7 Don't try to trick it + quick checklist

Devices made to fool the attention check (or the seat sensor) **can get FSD turned off for good**, and can mean a **ban on future use**. Keep your eyes up and your hands ready.

- ☐ Check strikeouts left: Controls > Self-Driving.
- ☐ Got a strike? Drive clean for 3.5 days and it drops off.
- ☐ Share the car? Tell every driver. Their strikes count too.

Checked: Saturday, October 10, 2026, against Tesla's Owner's Manual (FSD Supervised and Cabin Camera pages) and tesla.com/support/fsd. Rules can change with software updates.

Sources: Tesla Owner's Manual, "Full Self-Driving (Supervised)" and "Cabin Camera" (tesla.com/ownersmanual). Tesla support page "Full Self-Driving (Supervised)" (tesla.com/support/fsd). Not a Tesla App, 9/17/2025 (strike forgiveness cut to 3.5 days in update 2025.32).

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