#### UNBOX

# Tesla sues Rivian over alleged trade secret theft

Tesla inc. has filed a lawsuit against rival automaker Rivian, on allegations of poaching talent and stealing trade secrets.

The lawsuit, which was filed on July 17 in California Superior Court in Santa Clara, reads,

"In about the past week, Tesla has discovered disturbing pattern of employees who are departing for Rivian surreptitiously stealing Tesla trade secret, confidential, and proprietary information — information that is especially useful for startup electric vehicle company. And Rivian encourages those thefts even though Rivian is well aware of Tesla employees' confidentiality obligations,"

"Rivian is knowingly encouraging the misappropriation of Tesla's trade secret, confidential, and proprietary information by Tesla employees that Rivian hire," Tesla claims.



Tesla named four former employees in the lawsuit, but added its investigation continues. The company claims it has since identified two more former workers who have gone on to work at Rivian and alleges they "likely misappropriated Tesla trade secret, confidential or proprietary information."

In response, Rivian issued a statement that calls the allegations baseless, citing the suit's allegations run counter to Rivian's culture, ethos and corporate policies.



#### Discord offers noise suppression so your dogs can bark in peace during work meetings

You're working and you need to chat with your boss. But your noisy slurping of cereal gets in the way. Somebody just flushed the toilet and started cursing. Working from home means distracting noises are there.

Discord has added background noise suppression to its mobile app that it rolled out on desktop in April. Discord partnered with Krisp.ai to create a virtual microphone to filter out background noise and allow your voice to sound clearer.

Google Meet added a similar AI-powered feature in April while Microsoft Teams is adding a real-time noise suppression feature this year. Krisp also offers a desktop app and Chrome browser extension that, like Nvidia's offering, can work with a variety of apps.

Pandemic has been a huge business boom for services like Discord, Microsoft Teams, Slack, and Zoom. Teams and Slack recently announced they'd surpass 75 million daily active users and 12.5 million concurrent users, respectively.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

## Do you still have 24 hours a day?

Our breaks and holidays and work have all merge into one. Most of us have and are facing a work/ study from home routine that has seemingly reduced our 24 hours by a few. We got this issue of Toggle done without break. Our content, graphics and ad team fired on all cylinders to get this issue ready. Some worked the early morning hours while others backed up during the afternoon and evenings. It's a muddled up clock now, melting, dripping much like Dali's surrealistic paintings. Our hours are all over the place.

This is how it is now. Adapt or be left out.

- Ehsanur Raza Ronny, Editor

# New car this week





When Ford decided to put the Mustang badge on an electric crossover, they made a lot of people upset. Many (us included) though putting the iconic performance badge on a family vehicle was unfair, and actually lowered the value of the Mustang nameplate. Well, it seems the blue oval has taken some notes, and turned the family crossover into the most powerful, crazy Mustang they ever built. The Mustang Mach-E

1400 is a high performance version of the regular Mach-E that packs seven, yes seven electric motors. When powered from its 56.8 kilowatt-hour battery pack, the motors produce a bowel liquifying 1,400 HP. To prevent the car form recreating Peter Dumbreck's flight attempt, the car is fitted with an extensive body kit, capable of producing 1,043 kilograms of downforce at 258 kilometers per

hour. Oh, and did we mention this car screams? Unlike most other electric car, the 1400 actually makes a sound similar to a jet engine idling at high speed. Something that is quite fitting if you factor in the cars bonkers performance figure. Unfortunately, Ford has no plans to put the 1400 into production and built is as a one-off prototype. Which is quite disappointing, to put it mildly.

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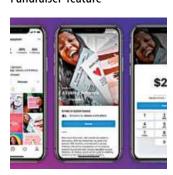
### TikTok unveils \$200 million funds for U.S. creators





Apple begins assembling iPhone 11 in India

## Instagram testing 'Personal Fundraiser' feature





HBO Max reached 4.1M subscribers in its first month