

《特斯拉将在上海建设工厂》

特斯拉将在上海建厂以扩大在中国的销量,该厂将于2021年投产,最初年产能约为2 5万辆。



Tesla, the US electric car company, has paid Rmb973m (\$140m) to lease an 860,000 square metre plot of land near Shanghai's port for its first major vehicle factory outside the US, as it tries to expand sales in the world's largest automotive market.

Tesla said the factory would begin production in 2021 with initial capacity of about 250,000 vehicles a year. The cost of the lease was disclosed on a Shanghai government website. Such leases usually last 50 years.

Tesla's sales in China have been affected by rising trade frictions between Beijing and Washington. The company said this month it was operating at a 55 to 60 per cent cost disadvantage compared to Chinese producers due to tariffs and shipping costs.

Funding for the Shanghai plant will mostly come from Chinese banks and Tesla's own investment "will not start in any significant way until 2019", company founder Elon Musk said in an August conference call with investors.



Beijing said in April it would abolish rules requiring foreign companies to set up 50-50 joint ventures with a Chinese partner for the electric car sector by the end of the year, though the restriction will still apply to other kinds of vehicles until 2022.

Tesla has said it would have complete ownership of the Shanghai plant.

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The factory will be based in the Lingang area of Shanghai, whose name means "near the port", due to its proximity to the city's shipping hub, and is already home to the production facilities of international automotive brands including MG Rover.

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Mr Musk has said the Shanghai factory will eventually have a production capacity of 500,000 vehicles a year. The factory would also make the vehicles' battery packs.

But the lossmaking group's production levels in the US are still only half what Mr Musk originally promised to reach by the end of 2018, although it finally hit its weekly production goal at the end of June and has since been able to achieve a quarterly target.