

**Question for written answer E-003552/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Concerns at the safety of Chinese-manufactured vehicles owing to short development times

In China, new vehicles are now being brought to market in around two years and the Chinese automotive industry has claimed that artificial intelligence could bring this down to under 18 months. In the West, development times range from three to five years, a fact that also compromises industrial competitiveness. China's reduced development times, at the whim of their car manufacturers, has raised serious concerns even amongst Beijing's own regulatory authorities as to the possible ramifications for vehicle safety and durability.

Given that Chinese-manufactured occupy a growing share of the European market:

1. Does the Commission believe the current European type-approval and surveillance system to be adequate to identify any risks related to the precipitous reduction in vehicle development cycles in China?
2. In what way is the long-term durability of Chinese vehicles on the EU market verified? Furthermore, given the concerns that have emerged in China, does the Commission intend to consider more stringent checks to ensure the safety of European consumers?
3. How does the Commission intend to address this issue, which, as well as being a safety concern, also places European industries at a competitive disadvantage?

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