Essential Accessories for the Model Y L

Your Model Y L is great as it comes, but a few low-cost add-ons make it easier to live with. This guide shows what to buy first, what each item does, and how to use it safely, for new owners and as a shopping refresher.

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PART 1

The must-haves

Start here. These items charge the car, protect the floors and screen, and help you if a tire goes flat or a phone dies.

1. Get a charger for home
2. Cover the floors and trunk
3. Protect the screen, charge your phone
4. Pack a tire pump and spare key card

BEFORE YOU BUY

Make sure each item says it fits the **Model Y L**.

1 Get a charger for home

Charging at home is the easiest and cheapest way to fill up. You plug in when you get home, and the car is full by morning. A **Wall Connector** (a charger that hangs on your garage wall) charges much faster than a plain wall outlet. A plain outlet works, but it can take a few days to fill a nearly empty battery. Most owners who drive every day find a Wall Connector is worth it.

Pick one:

- [ ] **Tesla Wall Connector:** made for Tesla cars only. It is the best pick if every car in your home is a Tesla.
- [ ] **Tesla Universal Wall Connector:** charges a Tesla, and also most other electric cars. Pick this one if your home has, or might get, a second electric car that isn't a Tesla. One charger can then serve both cars.

How to do it:

- [ ] 1. Choose the charger and the spot on your wall. Pick a spot close to where you park, so the cable reaches the charge port without stretching.
- [ ] 2. Hire a **licensed electrician** (a pro who is allowed to do home wiring) to put it in. Ask them to check that your home's power panel can handle it.
- [ ] 3. Open the Tesla app and follow the steps to connect the charger to your home Wi-Fi. This lets the charger get updates and lets you see your charging in the app.

CAUTION

Never put in a Wall Connector yourself. It runs on high power and needs the right wire and breaker. A pro install is often about $750 to $1,500 (2026), and more if your electric panel needs work.

- [ ] **You're done when** your charger is on the wall, and the car charges overnight.

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2 Cover the floors and trunk

Shoes bring in mud, sand, snow and wet leaves. Kids spill drinks and drop snacks. **All-weather floor mats** (rubber mats with raised edges) catch the mess so it never soaks into the carpet. When they get dirty, pull them out, rinse them with a hose and let them dry. The L has three rows, so look for a set made to fit all three. The trunk needs a mat too, since wet bags, sports gear and grocery spills end up back there.

What to get:

- [ ] Floor mats for all three rows. Get a set made for the Model Y L, so each mat fits its spot with no gaps.
- [ ] A **trunk mat** for the back floor and the deep storage well under it. Wet bags and spilled groceries wipe right off.
- [ ] A **bumper guard** (a pad that lies over the back bumper) so bags, boots and pet paws don't scratch the paint.

WARNING

Use only one mat at each seat. Never stack a new mat on top of an old one. Make sure the driver's mat clips in and cannot slide up under the pedals.

- [ ] **You're done when** every row has a mat, the driver's mat is clipped in, and the trunk is covered.

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3 Protect the screen, charge your phone

You touch the big screen every day to change the music, map and air. Rings, keys and grit can leave small scratches over time. A **tempered glass screen protector** (a thin sheet of hard glass) takes the scratches so your screen doesn't. A matte one also cuts down on fingerprints and glare. A phone mount holds your phone where you can see it without blocking the road.

How to put on a screen protector:

- [ ] 1. Clean the screen with the wipe and soft cloth in the kit. Then wait a minute so dust in the air can settle. Work in a garage or out of the wind if you can.
- [ ] 2. Line up the protector with the edges of the screen. Then lay it down slowly from one side to the other, so air gets pushed out as you go.
- [ ] 3. Push out bubbles with the card in the kit, working from the middle out to the edges. Small bubbles often fade in a day or two.

Also good to have:

- [ ] A **magnetic phone mount** that holds your phone near the screen. Your phone snaps on and off with one hand.
- [ ] A **charging pad cover** for the phone charging spot on the console. It stops your phone from sliding around when you turn or stop.

> ⚠ **CAUTION**
> Set up your phone mount so it never blocks your view of the road or the screen. Don't tap your phone while you drive.

- [ ] **You're done when** your screen protector is on with no big bubbles, and your phone has a safe spot.

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4 Pack a tire pump and spare key card

The Model Y L has **no spare tire**. If a tire goes low, there is nothing in the trunk to swap it with. A small **tire inflator** (a pump that plugs into the car) can fill a low tire so you can get to help. A tire repair kit can fix a small nail hole. A spare **key card** gets you in the car if your phone dies, so keep one in your wallet.

Keep in the trunk:

- [ ] A **portable tire inflator** (a small air pump). It can fill a low tire in a few minutes, so you can drive to a tire shop.
- [ ] A **tire repair kit** for small nail holes in the flat part of the tire. It can get you back on the road without a tow.
- [ ] A spare **key card**, plus a key card holder for your wallet or keys. The card still works when your phone is dead or lost.
- [ ] **Valve caps** (the little caps on each tire's air stem) if any are missing. They keep dirt and water out of the stem.

Add a new key card:

- [ ] 1. Get in the car with your phone key or a key card that already works. Put the new key card on the card reader just behind the cup holders.
- [ ] 2. On the screen, tap **Controls > Locks**, then tap **Add Key**. The car will ask you to confirm with a key it already knows.
- [ ] 3. Follow the steps on the screen. Then get out, close the door and tap the card on the door pillar to make sure it unlocks the car.

> ⚠ **WARNING**
> Fill tires to the number on the sticker inside the driver's door, not the number on the tire. Don't run a pump for more than about 20 minutes at a time. If the hole is large or on the side of the tire, call Tesla Roadside instead of driving on it.

- [ ] **You're done when** a pump and repair kit are in your trunk, and your spare key card unlocks the car.

PART 2

Protect your car

These add-ons keep the paint, doors, seats and cameras looking new. They help a lot with kids, pets and busy daily driving.

5 Guard the paint and door edges

6 Cover the spots you touch most

7 Shield the cameras

8 Beat the heat with sunshades

5 Guard the paint and door edges

Small scratches happen fast. Shoes scuff the door sills when people climb in. Rings and nails scratch the paint behind the door handles. Rocks kick up off the road and chip the lower doors. Cheap covers and clear film stop most of this before it starts, and mud flaps cut down on rock chips along the sides.

What to get:

- [ ] **Door sill protectors** (covers for the step where you climb in). Shoes and kids' boots scuff this spot every day.
- [ ] **Door pocket liners** (soft inserts for the door pockets). They stop keys and bottles from rattling and scratching the plastic.
- [ ] **PPF** (paint protection film, a clear sticky layer) for the spots behind the door handles and on the door edges. You can't see it, but it takes the scratches.
- [ ] **Mud flaps** (flaps behind the wheels that block rocks and mud). They help keep chips and dirt off the sides of the car.

GOOD TO KNOW

Small film pieces, like door handle cups, are easy to put on yourself. For the whole front of the car, most owners pay a pro. See our Protection Guide.

- [ ] **You're done when** your door sills are covered, and the spots that get scratched most have film.

6 Cover the spots you touch most

Some spots wear out first. Arms rub the armrest and console on every drive. Kids kick the backs of the front seats with dirty shoes. Crumbs and toys fall into the vents on the floor. Soft covers keep these spots clean and new, and most of them wipe clean or come off to wash.

Pick what you need:

- [ ] An **armrest cover** for the front, and one for the middle row. Arms and elbows rest here on every drive, so it wears first.
- [ ] A **center console wrap** (a cover for the shiny console). The shiny part shows fingerprints and scratches easily.
- [ ] **Seat back protectors** (kick mats that hang on the backs of the front seats). Kids' shoes hit them, not the seats. Many have pockets for books and tablets.
- [ ] **Underseat covers** and **vent covers** so toys and crumbs don't fall into the floor vents under the front seats. Things that fall in there are hard to get out.
- [ ] A **dashboard cover** (a cloth that lies on the dash). It cuts glare on the windshield on sunny days.
- [ ] **Pedal covers** and **door lock covers** if you like the look. These are for style, so skip them if you don't want them.

> ⚠ **WARNING**
> Pedal covers must be tight and never slip. A loose cover can catch your foot. Never put anything over the airbag spots on the dashboard or seats.

- [ ] **You're done when** the spots your family touches most are covered, and nothing covers an airbag.

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7 Shield the cameras

Your car uses its cameras to see the road, help you park and record with Sentry Mode. Some cameras sit low on the car, where rocks and road dirt can hit them. A chip or scratch on a lens can make a blurry picture, and the car may turn off some features until it's clear. A clear **camera guard** (a small cover) takes the hit instead, and it's cheap to replace.

How to do it:

- [ ] 1. Clean the camera glass with a soft, damp cloth. Then dry it so no dirt or water gets trapped under the guard.

- [ ] 2. Put on the guard so it sits flat and does not touch the lens. Press around the edges so it holds tight.
- [ ] 3. Check the camera picture on the screen. It should look clear and not cut off at the edges.

> ⚠ **CAUTION**
> If a camera looks blurry or blocked after you put on a guard, take the guard off. A blocked camera can turn off driving features.

- [ ] **You're done when** the camera guard is on and every camera picture on the screen looks clear.

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8 Beat the heat with sunshades

The big glass roof lets in a lot of sun. On hot days the car warms up fast, and the seats and wheel can get hot to touch. A **roof sunshade** (a cover that clips inside the glass) keeps the cabin cooler and shades kids in the back. A windshield shade and rear window shades help even more when you park in the sun.

What to get:

- [ ] A **roof sunshade** made for the Model Y L roof. Shades for the regular Model Y may not fit the longer L roof.
- [ ] A **windshield sunshade** for when you park. It keeps the screen, seats and wheel cooler. Most fold up small.
- [ ] **Rear window shades** for the middle and third rows. They keep the sun out of kids' eyes while you drive.

> ⚠ **WARNING**
> Always take the windshield shade down before you drive. Never cover the driver's view or the front cameras.

- [ ] **You're done when** your roof shade is in, and the windshield shade is stored where you can reach it.

PART 3

Make it yours

Storage, cleaning and care items that keep the car tidy and running well. Add these as you find out what your family needs.

9 Get organized

10 Keep up with cleaning and care

11 Add the finishing touches

9 Get organized

Three rows means more stuff: snacks, chargers, toys and trash. Without a place to go, it ends up on the floor and under the seats. Trays and bins give everything a home, so things don't roll around while you drive. The deep center console and the well under the trunk floor hold a lot, but they work best with a tray or bin inside.

Pick what you need:

- [ ] **Console trays** that split the deep center console into small spots. Coins, cards and cables stay on top, where you can reach them.
- [ ] **Trunk bins** for groceries and sports gear. Bags stay standing up, so nothing spills when you stop.
- [ ] **Door side boxes**, an **under-screen box**, and an **underseat box** for small items. They use empty spaces the car leaves open.
- [ ] A **USB hub** to add more charging ports. With three rows, more people need to charge at once.
- [ ] A small **trash can** for a door or the back seat. Wrappers and tissues go in it, not on the floor.

- [ ] **You're done when** loose items have a home and nothing slides around when you turn.

10 Keep up with cleaning and care

A few care items keep the car clean and safe. Good care keeps the screen clear, the air fresh and the paint shiny. Tesla says to change the wiper blades every year and the cabin air filter every 2 years. If your car has HEPA filters (extra-strong air filters), Tesla says to change them every 3 years. Keep lifting jack pads in the trunk too, so a tire shop can lift the car the right way.

What to get:

- [ ] Cleaners for the screen, seats and paint. Pick ones that say they are safe for that surface.
- [ ] New **wiper blades** once a year. Change them sooner if they streak, skip or squeak.
- [ ] **Cabin air filters**, and HEPA filters only if your car has them. Fresh filters keep dust and smells out of the air you breathe.

- [ ] **Lifting jack pads** (rubber pucks that protect the car when a shop lifts it). They fit in the lift points under the car, so the battery stays safe.
- [ ] **Weather seal** strips that cut wind noise. They add extra rubber around the doors, so the ride is quieter on the highway.

> **MODEL Y L TIP**
> Bring your jack pads to tire shops. Ask them to lift the car only at its lift points, never under the battery.

> **CAUTION**
> Use soft cloths and gentle cleaners on the screen and seats. Strong cleaners can damage them.

- [ ] **You're done when** you have cleaners, jack pads in the trunk, and a date to change wipers and filters.

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11 Add the finishing touches

These extras are just for fun or for looks. They make the car feel like yours, like a logo on the back or lights that shine on the ground when you open the door. None of them are needed, so buy them only if you want them.

Ideas:

- [ ] A **front license plate holder** that doesn't need holes in the bumper. Some clip on, and some stick on with strong tape.
- [ ] A **front grill mesh** that keeps bugs, leaves and small rocks out of the front opening.
- [ ] **Rim touch-up paint** for small scrapes on the wheels. Curb scrapes are common, and paint makes them hard to see.
- [ ] A **Model Y L emblem** for the back, so people know which car you drive.
- [ ] **Puddle lights** that shine a logo on the ground when you open the door. They also help you see puddles at night.

> **CAUTION**
> Many states require a front license plate. Check your state's rules before you take yours off.

- [ ] **You're done when** your car has the extras you want, and your front plate follows your state's rules.

CHEAT SHEET

Shopping List at a Glance

Every item from this guide on one page. Tick the box when you have it.

Get a charger for home

- [ ] Wall Chargers

Cover the floors and trunk

- [ ] All-Weather Floor Mats
- [ ] Rear Trunk Mats and Bumper Guards

Protect the screen, charge your phone

- [ ] Tempered Glass Screen Protectors
- [ ] Magnetic Car Phone Mounts
- [ ] Charging Pad Covers

Pack a tire pump and spare key card

- [ ] Portable Air Compressors
- [ ] Tire Repair Kits
- [ ] Keycard

Guard the paint and door edges

- [ ] Door Sill Protectors and Pocket Liners
- [ ] DIY Paint Protection Film (PPF)
- [ ] Mud Flaps and Splash Guards

Cover the spots you touch most

- [ ] Armrest Covers
- [ ] Center Console Covers
- [ ] Seat Back Protectors
- [ ] Vent Protectors
- [ ] Dashboard Covers
- [ ] Pedal Covers
- [ ] Door Lock Covers

Shield the cameras

- [ ] Camera Lens Guard

Beat the heat with sunshades

- [ ] Roof Sunshades
- [ ] Windshield Sunshades

Get organized

- [ ] Center Console Trays
- [ ] Trunk Storage Bins
- [ ] Door Side Storage Boxes
- [ ] Under-Screen Storage Boxes
- [ ] Underseat Storage Boxes
- [ ] Armrest Hidden Storage
- [ ] USB Hubs
- [ ] Door Trash Cans

Keep up with cleaning and care

- [ ] Car Cleaners
- [ ] Wiper Blades
- [ ] Cabin Air Filters
- [ ] Lifting Jack Pads
- [ ] Weather Seal Strips

Add the finishing touches

- [ ] License Plate Holders
- [ ] Front Grill Mesh
- [ ] Rim Touch-Up Paint
- [ ] Emblems
- [ ] Puddle Lights

Safety reminders

- [ ] Make sure each item says it fits the **Model Y L**
- [ ] Have a licensed electrician install a Wall Connector
- [ ] One mat per seat; clip the driver's mat in
- [ ] Never block your view, the cameras or an airbag
- [ ] Fill tires to the door sticker number
- [ ] Take the windshield shade down before you drive
- [ ] Check your state's front plate rules

Start with Part 1, then add the rest as you need it. Checked November 2026.