

Tesla Can Take a Walk, M&M Driverless Car's Here

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Bengaluru: Mahindra Group is all set to join an elite league of companies such as Google, Tesla, BMW and Audi that are experimenting with driverless cars.

Mahindra's electric car subsidiary Mahindra Reva has submitted proof of concepts for driverless cars in the UK and Singapore, a senior executive told ET.

"We have already begun experiments in our R&D facility in Bengaluru. Once we get approvals from the respective governments, we'll start testing these cars on

road," the executive said.

Mahindra Reva will need 3-4 years to develop a production model after starting trials, according to the executive. While the road tests would be carried out in the UK and Singapore, the software to control the car's movement and other aspects is under development at the company's research and development facilities in India, in partnership with the group's technology arm, Tech Mahindra, the executive said.

A Mahindra spokesperson declined to comment on the development.

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driven from the top with their moto Mahindra Rise," said Satish RM, principal research analyst at

Gartner. "The biggest challenge they'll face, in terms of driverless cars, is in building different technologies for different countries because of varied regulatory environment."

Today's top-end cars are laden with a number of technologies that automate some tasks, such as intelligent cruise control and lane-departure detection. Range Rover Evoque has a 'Park Assist' feature, wherein the car parks itself into the nearest vacant parking spot.

The Lutz 'Pathfinder' Pod

