



Chart of the Day Here's your trade on Tesla (\$TSLA)

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Dan discussed the importance of waiting for a stock to be "actionable" rather than just "observable," using Tesla as an example. He noted that although Tesla had a one-day test of its 200-day moving average on low volume, it was not yet actionable. Dan advised against buying the stock, even if it was still above the 200-day moving average, because it was not moving up yet. He suggested selling the stock to avoid potential losses and wait for it to settle out. Dan mentioned that the end of EV credits in September could impact Tesla and other EV companies, but also speculated that car manufacturers might introduce new leasing terms or incentives to counteract this effect. He warned that any potential rally in the near future might be a "sucker's rally." Finally, Dan emphasized that the current market is "treacherous" and that trading well right now might mean not trading much at all.

Next Steps:

1. For Tesla investors: Consider selling the stock if you own it and wait for it to settle out before re-entering a position.
2. For all traders: Exercise patience and wait for stocks to be "actionable" rather than just "observable" before making a trade.
3. General market advice: Acknowledge that the current market conditions are "treacherous" and consider trading less frequently.
4. Market awareness: Be mindful of the potential impact of the end of EV credits at the end of September on Tesla and other EV stocks.
5. Risk Management: Be cautious of potential "sucker's rallies" and avoid being drawn into short-term pops that might not be sustainable.

Transcript:

0:00: Hey, I'm Dan Fitzpatrick at stockmarketmentor.com and today, let's look at Tesla again.

0:07: Now, this is a great example of waiting for a stock to be actionable.

0:14: , as opposed to just like observable and oh, it's got a lot of promise.

0:20: OK.

0:20: It's a lot of things that have a lot of promise, but one thing's for sure, promises are made to be broken, OK?

0:27: And they are many times.

0:29: So in this case, what were we looking at?

0:31: I'm looking at Tesla here.

0:34: Let me get rid of this stuff for a sec, gone.

0:37: I'm looking at Tesla yesterday, noting that you can see the lower highs here, the higher lows, so this was looking like a really pretty decent test, a one day test on low volume.

0:50: , one day test of the 200 day moving average of this little pullback, boom, all these different lines here, and then all we're waiting for is I'm pretty sure I drew this yesterday, yep, all we're waiting for is this kind of move, operative term.

1:09: Waiting, OK?

1:11: We still wait.



1:13: And one thing we've learned from the late great Tom Petty, who was a great trader, very patient.

1:20: The waiting is the hardest part, and so it's like every day, you know, you make one more fart, something like that I forget ask Eric Swalwell, but anyway, so we've got this that's pulled back again to the 200 day moving average.

1:38: So buying this yesterday or I should say even just this morning like, oh this is gonna, this is gonna break out and move higher again.

1:47: That was a trade that turned out not to work out.

1:50: Now that's not necessarily dispositive on your trade because here's the deal like let's say you looked at this and then first thing this morning you decide, OK, well I'm gonna go ahead and buy the stock because I think it's gonna run higher here.

2:05: OK, so you buy it here, it's still above the 200 day moving average, you're down what?

2:13: You're down 2.3% from yesterday's close, so you're still OK.

2:19: Nothing wrong with this, but here's, here's the lesson boys and girls, just because you're still OK does not mean that the trade's OK.

2:27: It just means that your loss is acceptable at this point.

2:33: So this is what I would do, and you make your own decisions, so all I am is just some dude with a microphone.

2:41: , what I would do if you bought this or if you own it, I would sell it.

2:45: I would just sell it, just.

2:48: Sell it Why?

2:51: Because it's not moving up yet.

2:53: That may change tomorrow, may change Friday doubtful, but it may and so let this thing settle out before you do anything.

3:01: There's no reason for you to be buying it, you know that the EV, credits, they end at the like the end of September all those credits go away.

3:13: , and that is gonna impact, I think it's already kind of impacting the stock and some of these other, EV cars, which is what EVs are is EV cars.

3:24: I think it's gonna affect those, for a while by the way, one other thing.

3:29: I think that at the end of September magically the leasing terms on some of these cars are gonna change and people are still gonna be able to take advantage of the equivalent of the same kind of incentives a car manufacturer can't just.

3:45: In one day bump up their prices \$7500 and expect life to go on as it usually has so you're probably gonna see that and we may in fact when those programs are announced.

4:01: We may see this pop up more, but either way.

4:05: It ain't gonna pop up now.

4:06: It's not gonna pop up tomorrow.

4:08: In fact, if this does come up tomorrow, I would venture a guess that it's, it's just sucking people in only to grind around here and maybe spit them out.

4:19: So anyway, this is gonna be a great trade.



4:23: Just not tomorrow.

4:26: OK, look, that's all I got for you.

4:29: hope you're trading well and frankly, if you're trading well, it's probably because you're not trading much.

4:34: It's kind of a treacherous market out there, so don't pretend like it's not, OK?

4:39: All right, guys, and by the way, if you haven't signed up for Stock market mentor, it's a Basically it's free it's \$7 which for you and me is free for a 14 day trial.

4:50: Check it out.

4:51: I will tell you I talked to my, my assistant today we're getting a lot of new subscribers in, so I'm not really sure why you're not one of them, so why don't we fix that trade, OK, see you guys next time.