



Chart of the Day Here's how I'm trading Tesla (\$TSLA)

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Dan discussed Tesla's stock performance, explaining that while technical indicators like moving averages can be overemphasized, institutional traders often use the 200-day moving average as a key reference point. He shared his trading experience with Tesla, noting that he missed the initial breakout signal but identified a buying opportunity at \$394.93 after learning about Elon Musk's billion-dollar stock purchase. Dan emphasized the importance of understanding the catalyst behind stock movements and highlighted this as a profitable trade that lasted about 25 minutes before the market reaction to Musk's disclosure.

Next Steps:

1. Dan to continue monitoring Tesla stock for technical breakout signals.
2. Stock Market Mentor members to consider taking profits on Tesla positions purchased Friday.
3. Viewers to consider signing up for Stock Market Mentor membership .

Transcript:

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I'm Dan Fitzpatrick at Stock Market Mentor, and this is Tesla. At least it was last week, this is last Wednesday. This had been drifting higher, higher highs, higher lows within this channel, and you can kind of see how

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Dan Fitzpatrick: these moving averages. The red is the 50, the blue is the 200. You can see how they're clustered together pretty good, and also drifting sideways. So, you can say, well.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Yeah, but the moving averages were clustered together here. Yeah, that's right, it was a crossover, okay, big deal. Same thing here, they're clustered together. Oh, yeah, that was a...

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Dan Fitzpatrick: crossover. Big deal. I don't care about that crap. Oh, but isn't a 50, 200 crossover important?



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Dan Fitzpatrick: Not really. You're kind of late, one way or another.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: What I care about is when they are clustered together, flat.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: When they're both trading flat, that tells you, like, think about the 200-day moving average.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: as the moving average that institutional traders look at. It's basically something where if an institution is interested in buying a stock, if they want to buy the stock.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: then every time it pulls back to the average price that it's been over the last 200 bucks, that's really when they're going to kind of buy it. If, on the other hand, they're not really interested in it.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: then it's gonna go down to the 200-day moving average and just keep on going. That's just kind of the way, that's the way things work. And so, when we see the 200-day moving average, that's the blue line, starting to hold the stock, back here, see, nobody wanted it.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: And then it starts to run up.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: starts to do this little congestion phase here, and then over the last couple months here, you see where the stock had been kind of trading around here. This is really institutions nibbling here and there, but not just buying the snot out of the stock. Meanwhile, for the retail investors, you know, hope springs eternal, and all that. There's always going to be a market for Tesla stock among

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Dan Fitzpatrick: retail traders.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Heh.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Just like... just like when Doge was in full bloom, you know, all the folks that were driving Teslas that decide they're gonna switch to Priuses, or the Leaf, or whatever it is, they're gonna get back at Elon for all that stuff, or, by God, I'm gonna sell my stock. Whatever the case may be.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Okay, don't let your emotions, or your hatred or love for somebody dictate your... Investing or trading strategy.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: There's no other way to say it. It's just frickin' stupid, okay? We're talking about money, not feelings. Your finances and your feelings. The only time they have a relationship is typically the time when you're in trouble. So, no, we don't do that. We trade technically. So, right here.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: this stock, this was last Wednesday, is just kind of grinding around. I was looking at it here, I was kind of waiting for a signal.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: for the stock, and I'm just telling you the truth here. Waiting for the signal for the stock to break out.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Okay? I don't know what I was doing on Thursday.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: But I didn't see this. I just didn't look at the stock for whatever stupid reason. This was the signal to break... the breakout signal right here when it broke above

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Monday's intraday high of \$358.44. So right, we'll call it 360. Right when it broke 360 on volume, you could see heavier than average volume. Right when it broke 360,

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Dan Fitzpatrick: That's when you can say, okay, well, I can see how this uptrending resistance line has been broken out to the upside. This is what we want to see, right? Okay, so then the next day, again, I didn't see this.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Just to be candid. Should've, but I didn't. Boom. I didn't actually see it until this stinkin' thing was up, at around 1...

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Ugh, at around 190, or excuse me, 390.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: This is our active trade list right now, I'll just go ahead and show you. 394.93.



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Dan Fitzpatrick: So...

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I know I have my stuff here. Yeah. So these were all the lines that, that I'd been drawing here. So, got this stock at \$394.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: 93, and then set my stop down here, which was just below, Friday's intraday low, a little bit before then, and a little bit below, the 8-day exponential moving average. So this is what happened on, Friday.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: What I didn't know, of course, what was this movement was most of it was like... well, I bet all of it was caused by Elon buying a billion dollars worth of stock on this day, and it wasn't just his billion that moved it, it was the billion

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Dan Fitzpatrick: That started this stock moving.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: in the right direction, and then all these fine folks that actually were watching the stock, as opposed to weren't watching the stock, like me, they started piling in here for whatever reason, don't even know, right? And so the stock closes then over the weekend, or maybe, I don't know, it was before the open.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: Musk files a report that says, hey, by the way, I tossed a little money into my stock, just a billion bucks is all.



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Dan Fitzpatrick: So then the stock pops up here. It hovered for a while, but not really for very long. And so, the thing is, this is... I want you to think about this for a minute.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: So, the catalyst for this move... Was undeniably the,

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Dan Fitzpatrick: the actions of Musk, the billion dollars that he put to work. That was the reason for this move. Now, is this the type of thing that is going to be sustainable? Is this the type of thing where

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Dan Fitzpatrick: It's just gonna keep moving higher and higher. I don't think so, at least not in the short term. The reason I say that is because Musk didn't file a report or a form or whatever, saying what he was going to do.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: This was all in the past. This was down here. So, the only buying, the only follow-on buying here today was for those stupid people, who shorted, who were short the stock. That never works out, with respect to Musk. And also.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: those retail traders that are just eager to get in on the upside here at 420 before everybody else realizes what happened. Of course, everybody did realize what happened, which is why the stock gapped up this high. So, my point for this is, understand what the catalyst is.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: For a stock that moves like this.



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Dan Fitzpatrick: Sometimes, by the way, there won't be a catalyst. No published news, it's just, for whatever reason, money's coming into a stock. That's fine, too. You gotta love that. But you need to know. You don't want to be scratching your head too much, wondering why a stock's doing what it's doing. That was...

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Dan Fitzpatrick: the, as I've mentioned.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: That was the case, actually, with Tesla. I just didn't know exactly why this stock was up like this, but I decided it would kind of be a good thing to buy it. And so that's what we did right at the end of the day, and then today, when the stock gapped up.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I'd also send out a note saying, like, hey, you know, maybe you might want to take a little profits, you don't have to sell the whole thing, but maybe take a little bit of profits for what turned out to be

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Dan Fitzpatrick: like, 25 minutes of effort to buy the stock late on Friday, sell it early Monday.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: that's kind of a good trade. So, anyway, that's what I did.

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Dan Fitzpatrick: That's what we did, and that's what you should do. So if you haven't been a member of Stock Market Mentor before, come on down, \$7. I guarantee you're gonna make 7 bucks back in 14 days, come on. If you're not gonna do that, then I suggest that, like, you gotta log in to do that. Alright, so check it out.



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Dan Fitzpatrick: I promise you, you will not regret it. I promise you that, too. So...

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Dan Fitzpatrick: I will see you next time.