

# Elon Musk Hails Russian-Made Rocket Engine Design as ‘The Best’

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Elon Musk **John Raoux / AP**

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has expressed his admiration for Russian rocket engineering in a [tweet](#) on Thursday.

Musk's tweet came in response to an article [posted](#) by the tech outlet Ars Technica, which said that the Russian Soyuz spacecraft cannot compete with SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft. Last December, the SpaceX CEO also praised the design of Russia's RD-180 liquid-fueled rocket engine.

“Russia has excellent rocket engineering & best engine currently flying,” Musk tweeted.

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Last month, Musk made [headlines](#) in Russia after [responding](#) in Russian on Twitter to the

“How do you like that, @elonmusk?” meme that went viral over a year ago. The phrase was born after Musk [launched](#) a red Tesla Roadster on his SpaceX rocket toward Mars on Feb. 6, 2018.

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Russian social media users [reacted](#) to the tech entrepreneur’s achievements with a touch of irony, tweeting photoshopped images claiming to show Russia’s technological supremacy over Musk.

The privately run SpaceX company is [seen](#) as a competitor to Russia’s state space program.

In October last year, the head of Russia’s space agency [accused](#) Musk and SpaceX of trying to squeeze Moscow out of the carrier rockets market by lowballing prices for commercial space flights.

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