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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting

Person *

Buss Brad W

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

06/28/2010

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC., Â 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

(Street)

(Check all applicable) 10% Owner _X_ Director

Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting

Person

_ Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

PALO ALTO. CAÂ 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

Form: (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security

4 Conversion or Exercise

Price of

5. 6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Form of

Date Exercisable Expiration Date

(Instr. 4) Title

Amount or Number of Derivative Security

Ownership (Instr. 5)

Derivative

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Right to Buy (Common Stock) (1)	11/08/2010	12/03/2016	Common Stock	33,333	\$ 6.63	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Buss Brad W C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC. 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304	ÂX	Â	Â	Â		

Signatures

/s/ Brad Buss 06/25/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option will become vested and exercisable on November 8, 2010 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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Remarks:

The anticipated effective date of Issuer initial public offering is June 28, 2010.

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