

TESLA MOTORS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

100 SHORELINE HWY., SUITE 282, BLDG. B

(Street)

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
08/18/2015

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/18/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>	16,698 A \$ 29.66	26,086	I	By TP Management VIII, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	08/18/2015		S	16,698 D \$ 255.39 <sup>(3)</sup>	9,388	I	By TP Management VIII, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	08/18/2015		J <sup>(4)</sup>	9,388 D <sup>(4)</sup>	0	I	By TP Management VIII, LLC <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	08/18/2015		J <sup>(4)</sup>	9,388 A <sup>(4)</sup>	15,272	D	

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.66	08/18/2015		M <sup>(1)</sup>	16,698	<sup>(5)</sup> 06/12/2019	Common Stock	16,698
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.66	08/18/2015		J <sup>(6)</sup>	8,492	<sup>(5)</sup> 06/12/2019	Common Stock	8,492
Non Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.66	08/18/2015		J <sup>(6)</sup>	8,492	<sup>(5)</sup> 06/12/2019	Common Stock	8,492

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew 100 SHORELINE HWY. SUITE 282, BLDG. B MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Ira Matthew  
Ehrenpreis

08/20/2015

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(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) The Reporting Person held these options as nominee of TP Management VIII, LLC and, at the direction of TP Management VIII, LLC, exercised the options and delivered the shares of Common Stock received upon such exercise to TP Management VIII, LLC, for the benefit of the members of TP Management VIII, LLC.

(2) The Reporting Person is a managing member of the general partner of such entity, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

(3) Represents weighted average sales price. The shares were sold at prices ranging from \$255.00 to \$255.87. The Reporting Person will provide upon request, to the SEC, the Issuer or any security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

(4) Represents the distribution in kind of the reported securities by TP Management VIII, LLC to the Reporting Person in respect of his pecuniary interest therein, for no additional consideration.

(5) Fully vested and immediately exercisable in full.

(6) Prior to the exercise of the options reported herein as described in footnote (1), the Reporting Person held the options as nominee of TP Management VIII, LLC. Following the exercise of such options for the benefit of the members of TP Management VIII, LLC, the remaining balance of the options consists entirely of the Reporting Person's pecuniary interest in the options. Accordingly, following such exercise, the nominee arrangement terminated for no additional consideration, and the Reporting Person now holds the remaining options directly for his exclusive benefit, representing a change in the form of ownership of such options from indirect to direct.

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