

TESLA MOTORS INC
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FORM 4

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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 *
Buss Brad W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

05/12/2016

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 | 05/12/2016 | | M | | | 3,333 | A | \$ 6.63 | 9,215 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | M | | | 2,000 | A | \$ 28.43 | 11,215 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2016 | | S | | | 5,333 | D | \$ 208.13 | 5,882 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2016 | | M | | | 10,000 | A | \$ 28.43 | 15,882 | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/13/2016 | | S | | | 10,000 | D | \$ 207.555 | 5,882 | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 6.63 | 05/12/2016 | | M | 3,333 | <u>(2)</u> 12/03/2016 | Common Stock | 3,333 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.43 | 05/12/2016 | | M | 2,000 | <u>(3)</u> 06/12/2018 | Common Stock | 2,000 |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 28.43 | 05/13/2016 | | M | 10,000 | <u>(3)</u> 06/12/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: Jonathan Chang by Power of Attorney For: Brad Buss 05/16/2016

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$207.50 to \$207.77, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Tesla Motors, Inc., any security holder of Tesla Motors, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
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 - (2) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option 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.
 - (3) 100% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on the earlier of the first anniversary date of the grant or the day prior to the date of the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company following date of grant.

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