#### **TESLA MOTORS INC**

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### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16.

Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Buss Brad W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]

(First) (Middle) (Last)

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

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

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

06/18/2015

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

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X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (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

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of TransactionAcquired (A) or Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) Following (Instr. 4) Reported

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 2. 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amour Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securit** Security or Exercise any Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ed of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 261.89	06/18/2015		A		50,000		<u>(1)</u>	06/18/2022	Common Stock	50,0

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1 6	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
Buss Brad W								
C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC.	X							
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	Λ							
PALO ALTO CA 94304								

### **Signatures**

By: Todd Maron by power of attorney For: Brad

Buss 06/22/2015

\*\*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).

This stock option award is a triennial equity award granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Equity Incentive Plan and Outside Director

(1) Compensation Policy. 1/36th of the shares granted shall become vested and exercisable as of each monthly anniversary beginning on July 18, 2015, such that all shares subject to the Option shall be fully vested and exercisable by June 18, 2018.

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