

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 *
Ahuja Deepak

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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)
08/18/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 4,823 A \$ 2.7 | 12,093 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 177 A \$ 2.7 | 12,270 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 200 D \$ 254.16 ⁽²⁾ | 12,070 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 400 D \$ 255.253 ⁽³⁾ | 11,670 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 600 D \$ 256.563 | 11,070 | D |

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| | | | | | (4) | | |
|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|------------|-------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,101 | D | \$ 257.584 | 8,969 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 1,200 | D | \$ 258.503 | 7,769 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 400 | D | \$ 259.985 | 7,369 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/18/2015 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 99 | D | \$ 260.59 | 7,270 | D |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.7 | 08/18/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 177 | 05/13/2009 ⁽⁸⁾ 04/12/2016 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 2.7 | 08/18/2015 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 4,823 | 07/31/2009 ⁽⁹⁾ 09/02/2015 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| | | | | |

Ahuja Deepak
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CFO

Signatures

Deepak Ahuja

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).

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(1) The stock option exercise and sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a pre-determined Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 3, 2014 and amended on March 3, 2015. The reporting person adopted the trading plan to periodically exercise long held stock options that are expiring in September 2015 and April 2016.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$253.83 to \$254.4903, 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.

(3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$255.03 to \$255.48, 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.

(4) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$256.06 to \$256.9715, 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.

(5) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$257.20 to \$258.05, 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.

(6) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$258.20 to \$258.91, 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.

(7) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$259.49 to \$260.26, 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.

(8) 1/48th of the shares subject to the option first became vested and exercisable on the date listed with the remaining shares becoming vested and exercisable thereafter on each monthly anniversary of the grant date, so that all such shares were vested as of the fourth anniversary of the grant date.

(9) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option first became vested and exercisable on the date listed and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable each month thereafter.

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