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Registration No. 333-213390

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**ON**

**FORM S-8 TO FORM S-4**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

***UNDER THE***  
***SECURITIES ACT OF 1933***

**TESLA MOTORS, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as specified in its charter)**

**3500 Deer Creek Road**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**

**Palo Alto, California 94304**  
**(Address including zip code of**

**91-2197729**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**incorporation or organization)                      Principal Executive Offices)                      Identification No.)**

**SolarCity Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Plan**

**Zep Solar, Inc. 2010 Equity Incentive Plan**

**SolarCity Corporation 2007 Stock Plan**

**(Full title of the plans)**

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**(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount Registered <sup>(1)</sup> to be	Proposed	Proposed	Amount of Registration Fee <sup>(3)</sup>
		Maximum Offering Price Per Share <sup>(3)</sup>	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price <sup>(3)</sup>	
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2,196,556 <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (1) Represents the maximum number of shares of common stock ( Tesla Common Stock ), par value \$0.001 per share, of Tesla Motors, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Tesla ), issuable under stock options and restricted stock unit awards (collectively, the SolarCity Rollover Awards ) outstanding pursuant to the SolarCity Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2012 Plan ), the Zep Solar, Inc. 2010 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2010 Plan ) or the SolarCity Corporation 2007 Stock Plan (the 2007 Plan, and together with the 2012 Plan and the 2010 Plan, the Plans ), of SolarCity Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( SolarCity ), which SolarCity Rollover Awards were assumed by Tesla in connection with Tesla's acquisition of SolarCity, which was consummated on November 21, 2016.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminable number of shares of Tesla Common Stock that may be offered or issued to prevent dilution as a result of adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (3) These shares of Tesla Common Stock were registered under the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 213390), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on August 31, 2016, as amended on September 19, 2016, September 20, 2016, September 29, 2016, October 7, 2016 and October 11, 2016, and declared effective by the Commission on October 12, 2016. All filing fees payable in connection with the issuance of these shares were previously paid in connection with the filing of the Registration Statement on Form S-4.

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Tesla Motors, Inc. (the Registrant, or Tesla ) hereby amends its Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-213390) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on August 31, 2016, as amended on September 19, 2016, September 20, 2016, September 29, 2016, October 7, 2016 and October 11, 2016, and declared effective by the Commission on October 12, 2016 (the Form S-4 ), by filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 relating to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Registrant (the Tesla Common Stock ) issuable upon the future exercise or settlement of certain outstanding stock options and restricted stock unit awards (collectively, the SolarCity Rollover Awards ) outstanding pursuant to the (1) SolarCity Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2012 Plan ), (2) the Zep Solar, Inc. 2010 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2010 Plan ) or (3) the SolarCity Corporation 2007 Stock Plan (the 2007 Plan, and together with the 2012 Plan and the 2010 Plan, the Plans ), of SolarCity Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( SolarCity ), which SolarCity Rollover Awards were assumed by Tesla in connection with Tesla's acquisition of SolarCity, which was consummated on November 21, 2016. All such shares of Tesla Common Stock were previously registered on the Form S-4 but will be subject to issuance pursuant to this Registration Statement.

On November 21, 2016, pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 31, 2016, among Tesla, SolarCity and D Subsidiary, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Tesla ( Merger Sub ), Merger Sub merged with and into SolarCity (the Merger ), with SolarCity surviving the Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Tesla.

At the effective time of the Merger, each outstanding SolarCity Rollover Award was converted into a corresponding award with respect to Tesla Common Stock.

**PART I**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

The information required by Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

Tesla is permitted to incorporate by reference in this Registration Statement the information in the documents that it files with the Commission, which means that Tesla can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The following documents, which have been filed with the Commission by Tesla, are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (a) Tesla's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, filed by Tesla with the Commission on February 24, 2016, including the portions of the Tesla's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 15, 2016 incorporated by reference into the Annual Report;
- (b) Tesla's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2016, June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2016, filed by the Company with the Commission on May 10, 2016, August 5, 2016 and November 2, 2016, respectively;
- (c) Tesla's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 10, 2016, March 11, 2016, May 24, 2016, May 25, 2016, June 3, 2016, June 21, 2016, August 1, 2016, August 5, 2016, September 7, 2016, September 23, 2016, October 11, 2016, November 14, 2016, November 18, 2016 and November 21, 2016 (in each case, except to the extent furnished but not filed); and

(d) The description of Tesla's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, contained in the Form S-4 (File No. 213390), including any subsequent amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description. All documents that the Registrant files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement (except for any portions of the Registrant's Current Reports on Form 8-K that is deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with Commission rules), but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (DGCL) permits a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (3) under Section 174 of the

DGCL (regarding, among other things, the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions) or (4) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Tesla's certificate of incorporation provides for such limitation of liability.

Section 145(a) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent, or former director, officer, employee or agent, who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of such person's service as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or such person's service, at the corporation's request, as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, provided that such director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit; provided that such director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such director or officer shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such director or officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses that the court shall deem proper. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as otherwise provided in Tesla's bylaws, Tesla shall be required to indemnify any such person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such person only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by any such person was authorized by the board of directors.

In addition, Tesla's certificate of incorporation provides that Tesla must indemnify its directors and officers to the fullest extent authorized by law. Tesla is also expressly required to advance certain expenses to its directors and officers and carry directors' and officers' insurance providing indemnification for Tesla's directors and officers for certain liabilities.

Tesla also maintains a directors' and officers' insurance policy pursuant to which directors and officers are insured against liability for actions in their capacity as directors and officers.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The Exhibit Index below is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement; *provided, however*, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by undersigned registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the undersigned registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the undersigned registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, undersigned registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the undersigned registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the undersigned registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the undersigned registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Palo Alto, State of California, on November 21, 2016.

Tesla Motors, Inc.

By: /s/ Jason Wheeler

Name: Jason Wheeler

Title: Chief Financial Officer (Principal  
Financial Officer and Duly Authorized  
Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
* Elon Musk	Chief Executive Officer and Director <i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>	November 21, 2016
/s/ Jason Wheeler Jason Wheeler	Chief Financial Officer <i>(Principal Financial Officer)</i>	November 21, 2016
/s/ Eric Branderiz Eric Branderiz	Chief Accounting Officer <i>(Principal Accounting Officer)</i>	November 21, 2016
* Brad W. Buss	Director	November 21, 2016
* Robyn M. Denholm	Director	November 21, 2016
* Ira Ehrenpreis	Director	November 21, 2016
* Antonio J. Gracias	Director	November 21, 2016

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\* Director November 21, 2016  
Stephen T. Jurvetson

\* Director November 21, 2016  
Kimbal Musk

\* By: /s/ Jason Wheeler  
Name: Jason Wheeler  
Title: Attorney-in-Fact

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Tesla Motors, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Tesla Motors, Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-164593), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 29, 2010).
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Tesla Motors, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Tesla Motors, Inc. Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 21, 2016).
5.1	Opinion of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz regarding the validity of securities to be issued.*
10.1	SolarCity Corporation 2012 Equity Incentive Plan.*
10.2	SolarCity Corporation Zep Solar, Inc. 2010 Equity Incentive Plan.*
10.3	SolarCity Corporation 2007 Stock Plan.*
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.*
23.2	Consent of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz to inclusion of legality opinion (included in Exhibit 5.1).*
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature pages to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-213390) filed on August 31, 2016, to which this is Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 on Form S-8).**

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Previously filed.