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## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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**SECURITIES** Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Passin G

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and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> Gilbert	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction				
EER CREEK ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 05/28/2013	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  VP Manufacturing			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
ALTO, CA 94304		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
) (State) (Zip)	Tobla I - Non-Darivotiva Sacuritias A	Acquired Disposed of or Repeticially Owned			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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)
Common Stock	05/28/2013		M	500	A	\$ 9.96	1,053	D	
Common Stock	05/28/2013		S	500	D	\$ 101.99	553	D	
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Common Stock 05/28/2013 S 500 D \$110 553 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Onof Deride Secure Acque (A) of Disput of (E) (Inst.)	5. Number 6. Date Exercises Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te Underlying So		Securities	8. P Deri Seci (Ins
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.96	05/28/2013		M		500	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	500	;
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.96	05/28/2013		M		500	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	500	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.96	05/28/2013		M		500	<u>(1)</u>	03/02/2017	Common Stock	500	

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Passin Gilbert VP Manufacturing

3500 DEER CREEK ROAD

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PALO ALTO, CA 94304

## **Signatures**

/s/ Gilbert Passin 05/29/2013

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option became vested and exercisable on January 25, 2011 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable each month thereafter.

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