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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC., 3500
 DEER CREEK ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/08/2012

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

(Street)
 PALO ALTO, CA 94304

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

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

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	33,334					(1)	06/12/2019	Common Stock	33,334
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	12,000					(2)	06/12/2019	Common Stock	12,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	12,000					(2)	06/12/2019	Common Stock	12,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	6,000					(2)	06/12/2019	Common Stock	6,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	9,000					(2)	06/12/2019	Common Stock	9,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.08	06/08/2012	A	16,666					(3)	06/08/2019	Common Stock	16,666

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

/s/ Brad Buss 06/12/2012
 **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) 1/24th of the shares granted shall become vested and exercisable as of each monthly anniversary beginning on June 8, 2013, such that all shares subject to the Option shall be fully vested and exercisable by June 8, 2015.

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- 1/36th of the shares granted shall become vested and exercisable as of each monthly anniversary of the date of grant, such that all shares
- (2) subject to the option shall be fully vested and exercisable by the third anniversary of the grant date. This option was automatically granted pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Compensation Policy.
 - (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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