

TESLA MOTORS INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
FIELD JOHN DOUGLAS

(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)  
09/05/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP, Engineering, Vehicle R&D

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common Stock                    | 09/05/2015                           | 09/05/2015   | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 14,371  | A  | ⑒  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 14,386                                     |
| Common Stock <sup>(3)</sup>     | 09/08/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>            | 09/08/2015 <sup>(3)</sup>                          | F <sup>(3)</sup>               |   | 6,930 <sup>(3)</sup>  | D  | \$ 245.05 <sup>(3)</sup>                   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 7,456 <sup>(3)</sup>                       |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit                      | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | 09/05/2015                           | 09/05/2015   | M                              | 14,371  | <sup>(4)</sup> <sup>(4)</sup>                            | Common Stock  | 14,371                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| FIELD JOHN DOUGLAS<br>3500 DEER CREEK ROAD<br>PALO ALTO, CA 94304 |               |           | VP, Engineering, Vehicle R&D |       |

## Signatures

John Douglas  
Field 09/09/2015

<sup>(1)</sup>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).
- (1) Shares of Issuer's common stock were issued to the reporting person upon the vesting of restricted stock units on September 5, 2015.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) PURSUANT TO THE ISSUER'S EQUITY PLAN AND POLICIES, 6,930 SHARES OF COMMON STOCK WERE AUTOMATICALLY WITHHELD AND SOLD BY THE ISSUER TO SATISFY THE REPORTING PERSON'S TAX WITHHOLDING OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THE VESTING OF RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS REPORTED HEREIN.
- (4) The remaining restricted stock units following the reported transactions vest in two equal installments beginning September 5, 2016.

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