TESLA MOTORS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FIELD JOHN DOUGLAS	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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC, 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD	(Month/Day/Year) 09/05/2016	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Engineering		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
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Person

PALO ALTO, CA 94304

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	Fransaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Ownership India Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (D) or Own Following Indirect (I) (Inst		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	09/05/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	563	A	\$ 0	12,055	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2016		M <u>(1)</u>	3,593	A	\$ 0	15,648	D	
Common Stock	09/05/2016		M(2)	189	A	\$ 0	15,837	D	
Common Stock	09/06/2016		F(2)	294	D	\$ 199.02	15,543	D	
Common Stock	09/06/2016		F(2)	1,875	D	\$ 199.02	13,668	D	

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Common \$ 13,569 09/06/2016 $F^{(2)}$ D Stock

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo	rities ired rosed of . 3, 4,	tivative Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) red sed of 3, 4,		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Instr
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	09/05/2016		M		563	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	563	\$
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	09/05/2016		M		3,593	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	3,593	\$
Restricted Stock Unit	\$ 0	09/05/2016		M		189	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	189	\$

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FIELD JOHN DOUGLAS							

VP. C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD Engineering PALO ALTO, CA 94304

Signatures

John Douglas Field

09/07/2016

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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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 the Issuer's common stock were issued to the reporting person upon the vesting of restricted stock units on September 5, 2016.
- PURSUANT TO THE ISSUER'S EQUITY PLAN AND POLICIES, SHARES OF COMMON STOCK WERE AUTOMATICALLY (2) 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.
- (3) 7,318 of the restricted stock units included in this grant commenced vesting in thirteen equal quarterly installments beginning June 5, 2016.
- (4) 21,555 of the restricted stock units included in this grant commenced vesting in six equal quarterly installments beginning June 5, 2016.
- (5) 2,834 of the restricted stock units included in this grant commenced vesting in fifteen equal quarterly installments beginning June 5, 2016.

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