

TESLA MOTORS INC
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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 *
DENHOLM ROBYN M

(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)
08/18/2014

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		Code	V	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
					(A)	(D)				
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 259.94	08/18/2014	A		33,333		(1)	08/18/2021	Common Stock	33,333
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 259.94	08/18/2014	A		12,000		(2)	08/18/2021	Common Stock	12,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 259.94	08/18/2014	A		12,000		(2)	08/18/2021	Common Stock	12,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 259.94	08/18/2014	A		9,000		(2)	08/18/2021	Common Stock	9,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 259.94	08/18/2014	A		6,000		(2)	08/18/2021	Common Stock	6,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DENHOLM ROBYN M 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304	X			

Signatures

/s/ Robyn Denholm 08/20/2014

**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) Award will vest and become exercisable over a four (4) year period, with twenty-five (25%) of the shares subject to the award vesting August 18, 2015 and 1/48 of the shares subject to the award vesting on the same day of each month for the next three years. Pursuant to the issuer's Outside Director Compensation Policy, this equity award was granted to the reporting person in connection with her appointment to the issuer's Board of Directors.
- (2) 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 subject to the option shall be fully vested and exercisable by the third anniversary of the grant date. Pursuant to the issuer's Outside

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Director Compensation Policy, these equity awards were granted to the reporting person in connection with her service on the committees of the issuer's Board of Directors.

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