

Passin Gilbert  
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 \*  
Passin Gilbert

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)  
3500 DEER CREEK ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/13/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP- Manufacturing

PALO ALTO, CA 94304  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 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 | 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
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| (Instr. 3)                                      | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8)<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | Code | V | (A)   | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|---|-------|-----|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------|
| Incentive<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 28.43                           | 06/13/2011       |                                                                                   | A    |   | 3,750 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 06/13/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 3,750                                  |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 28.43                           | 06/13/2011       |                                                                                   | A    |   | 6,250 |     | <u>(1)</u>          | 06/13/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 6,250                                  |

### Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|                                                               | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Passin Gilbert<br>3500 DEER CREEK ROAD<br>PALO ALTO, CA 94304 |               |           | VP- Manufacturing |       |

### Signatures

/s/ Gilbert  
Passin

06/14/2011

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*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) 1/48th of the shares subject to the option will vest over a period of four years on each monthly anniversary of the grant.

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