

Ahuja Deepak  
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 \*  
Ahuja Deepak

(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)  
01/02/2013

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)  
Chief Financial Officer

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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price	
Common Stock	01/02/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		4,675	A \$ 14.17	6,155 D
Common Stock	01/02/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,675	D \$ 35.021	1,480 D
Common Stock	01/02/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,745	A \$ 6.63	4,225 D
Common Stock	01/02/2013		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,745	D \$ 35.021	1,480 D
	01/02/2013		M <sup>(1)</sup>		2,580	A \$ 2.7	4,060 D

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock	01/02/2013	<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	2,580	D	\$ 35.021	1,480	D
					<u>(2)</u>		

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.7	01/02/2013		M	2,580	07/31/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/02/2015	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.63	01/02/2013		M	2,745	09/16/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/03/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 14.17	01/02/2013		M	4,675	<sup>(4)</sup> 06/11/2017	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ahuja Deepak 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304			Chief Financial Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Deepak  
Ahuja

01/03/2013

\_\_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) The stock option exercise and sale reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on March 8, 2012.  
  
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$34.71 to \$35.21, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide Tesla Motors, Inc., any security holder of Tesla Motors, Inc. or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
  - (2) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option first become vested and exercisable on the date listed and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.
  - (3) Shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable upon the Issuer's achievement of certain performance objectives set forth in the option agreement.
  - (4)

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