

Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew  
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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 \*  
 Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew

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)  
 550 UNIVERSITY AVE.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 07/02/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

PALO ALTO, CA 94301  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
Common Stock	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	2,724,290 A	2,724,290	I	See Footnote (2)

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)**

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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. Date Exercisable	9. Expiration Date	10. Title	11. Amount or Number of Shares
Series D Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	3,829,481	(1)	(1)			Common Stock	1,276,49
Series E Preferred Stock	(1)	07/02/2010	07/02/2010	C	4,343,392	(1)	(1)			Common Stock	1,447,79

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ehrenpreis Ira Matthew 550 UNIVERSITY AVE. PALO ALTO, CA 94301		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Ira Ehrenpreis                      07/02/2010  
 \_\_Signature of                      Date  
 Reporting Person

## 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) Each share of the Issuer's Series D preferred stock and Series E preferred stock automatically converted to .333333 of a share common stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering and has no expiration date.  
 These shares are owned directly by Technology Partners Fund VIII, L.P. The reporting person is a managing member of the general partner of such entity, and disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficiary owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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