

Passin Gilbert  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Passin Gilbert		(Month/Day/Year)	TESLA MOTORS INC [TSLA]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	06/28/2010	
C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC., Â 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
PALO ALTO, Â CA Â 94304		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below)    (specify below) Vice President, Manufacturing		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable    Expiration Date	Title    Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Right to Buy (Common Stock) <sup>(1)</sup>	01/25/2011	03/02/2017	Common Stock	66,666	\$ 9.96	D	Â
Right to Buy (Common Stock) <sup>(1)</sup>	Â <sup>(2)</sup>	06/11/2017	Common Stock	33,333	\$ 14.17	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Passin Gilbert C/O TESLA MOTORS, INC. 3500 DEER CREEK ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304	Â	Â	Â Vice President, Manufacturing	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Gilbert Passin                      06/25/2010

        Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) 1/4th of the shares subject to the option will become vested and exercisable on January 25, 2011 and 1/48th of the shares subject to the option shall become vested and exercisable each month thereafter.
- (2) Shares subject to the option become vested and exercisable upon the Issuer's achievement of certain performance objectives set forth in the option agreement.

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### Remarks:

The anticipated effective date of Issuer initial public offering is June 28, 2010.

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