

Kohler Herbert  
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 \*  
Kohler Herbert

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)  
MERCEDSSTRASSE 137  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
06/08/2012

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

STUTTGART, 2M 70327  
  
(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)
				(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) or Disposed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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	Derivative Security		(D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
			Code	V (A) (D)			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.08	06/08/2012	A	16,666	(1)	06/08/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.08	06/08/2012	J(2)	16,666	(1)	06/08/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 30.08	06/08/2012	J(2)	16,666	(1)	06/08/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	A	33,334	(3)	06/12/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	J(4)	33,334	(3)	06/12/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.66	06/12/2012	J(4)	33,334	(3)	06/12/2019	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Kohler Herbert MERCEDESSTRASSE 137 STUTTGART, 2M 70327		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Herbert  
Kohler  
06/12/2012

\*\*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) 100% of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable on the earlier of the first anniversary date of the grant or the day prior to the date of the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Company following date of grant.
  - (2) The option was transferred to Daimler North America Corporation on June 8, 2012. The reporting person is an employee of an affiliate of Daimler North America Corporation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the option and the shares subject to the

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option, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

- (3) 1/24th of the shares subject to the option shall vest and become exercisable as of each monthly anniversary beginning on June 8, 2013, such that all shares subject to the option shall be fully vested and exercisable by June 8, 2015.

- (4) The option was transferred to Daimler North America Corporation on June 12, 2012. The reporting person is an employee of an affiliate of Daimler North America Corporation. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the option and the shares subject to the option, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for Section 16 or any other purpose.

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