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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): October 20, 2021**

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**Tesla, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

001-34756  
(Commission  
File Number)

91-2197729  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**3500 Deer Creek Road  
Palo Alto, California 94304**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, and Zip Code)

**(650) 681-5000**  
Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ Written communication pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- ☐ Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock	TSLA	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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**Item 2.02            Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 20, 2021, Tesla, Inc. released its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2021 by posting its Third Quarter 2021 Update on its website. The full text of the update is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information is intended to be furnished under Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, “Results of Operations and Financial Condition” and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01            Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d)       Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	<a href="#">Tesla, Inc. Third Quarter 2021 Update, dated October 20, 2021.</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**TESLA, INC.**

By: /s/ Zachary J. Kirkhorn  
**Zachary J. Kirkhorn**  
**Chief Financial Officer**

Date: October 20, 2021