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Attention: VIN Co-ordinator

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington,
D.C. 20590

Reference: Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Decipherment for 2008 Model Year Tesla vehicles

Dear Sir / Madam,

This letter is in reference to 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 565; Vehicle Identification Number Requirements.

Pursuant to §565.7, Reporting Requirements; please find enclosed the information necessary to decipher the characters contained in the Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) of the following 2008 Model Year models manufactured by Tesla Motors Inc for the U.S. market:

Roadster (Type 001)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SM'.

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Enclosures (1)



Tesla Roadster VIN Decipherable Information pursuant to 49 CFR Part 565 Series Production Vehicles

VIN System

SFZ R E 1 1 B ? 8 3 ? 00001

World Manufacturer Identifier

S
F = Manufacturer: Tesla Motors Inc.
Z

Vehicle Attributes

R = Car Line: Roadster
E = Body Type: Convertible (per ISO 3833)
1 = Region: USA
1 = Restraint System:
Type 2 seat belts and dual
standard front airbags
B = Drivetrain: Motor – Tesla 56C
Transmission – Tesla manual
2-speed with electric shift

Check Digit

? = To be assigned by manufacturer pursuant
to 49 CFR Part 565; section §565.6(c)

Production Data

8 = Model Year: 8 = 2008
3 = Plant of Manufacture: Hethel, UK
? = Build Phase Code:
0 = Series production vehicle
F = Founders Series vehicle

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0 = Unique Vehicle Serial Number
0
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For Information: Founders Series vehicles are a limited run of first-off production series vehicles specifically built and supplied to particular individuals instrumental in the founding of Tesla Motors Inc.

