

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

Transphorm, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

82-1858829
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**75 Castilian Drive
Goleta, CA 93117**
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

2020 Equity Incentive Plan
(Full title of the plan)

**Cameron McAulay
Chief Financial Officer
Transphorm, Inc.
75 Castilian Drive
Goleta, California 93117**
(Name and address of agent for service)

(805) 456-1300
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:
**Erika M. Muhl
Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
Professional Corporation
650 Page Mill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304
(650) 493-9300**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 registers additional shares of common stock of Transphorm, Inc. (the “**Registrant**”) under the Registrant’s 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**2020 Plan**”). The number of shares of the Registrant’s common stock available for grant and issuance under the 2020 Plan is subject to an annual increase on the first day of each fiscal year starting with the Registrant’s 2022 fiscal year, by an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the number of shares of the Registrant’s common stock issued and outstanding on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year, but not more than 5,000,000 shares, unless the Registrant’s board of directors, in its discretion, determines to make a smaller increase (the provision of the 2020 Plan allowing for this annual increase is referred to as the “**Evergreen Provision**”). On April 1, 2021 and April 1, 2022, the number of shares of the Registrant’s common stock available for grant and issuance under the 2020 Plan increased by 2,026,599 shares and 2,668,965 shares, respectively, pursuant to the Evergreen Provision.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be delivered to the participants in the equity benefit plans covered by this Registration Statement as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”):

- (1) The Registrant’s [Annual Report on Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, filed with the Commission on June 29, 2022, pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”);
- (2) The Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on [May 17, 2022](#), [June 3, 2022](#) and [June 27, 2022](#); and
- (3) The description of the Registrant’s common stock contained in the Company’s Registration Statement on [Form 8-A](#) (File No. 001-41295) filed with the Commission on February 18, 2022, pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents; *provided, however*, that documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Registrant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”) provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who were, are, or are threatened to be made, parties to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as an officer, director, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation’s best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was illegal. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who were, are, or are threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation’s best interests except that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer or director is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him or her against the expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred.

The Registrant’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, a director shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director. The Registrant’s amended and restated bylaws provide that the Registrant shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, except that the Registrant will not be required to indemnify or hold harmless any director or officer in connection with any proceeding initiated by such person unless the proceeding was authorized by the Registrant’s board of directors. Under the Registrant’s amended and restated bylaws, such rights shall not be exclusive of any other rights acquired by directors and officers, including by agreement.

The Registrant’s amended and restated bylaws provide that the Registrant will pay expenses to any director or officer prior to the final disposition of the proceeding; provided, however, that such advancements shall be made only upon receipt of an undertaking by such director or officer to repay all amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that such director or officer is not entitled to indemnification under the amended and restated bylaws or otherwise.

Section 174 of the DGCL provides, among other things, that a director who willfully or negligently approves of an unlawful payment of dividends or an unlawful stock purchase or redemption may be held liable for such actions. A director who was either absent when the unlawful actions were approved, or dissented at the time, may avoid liability by causing his or her dissent to such actions to be entered in the books containing minutes of the meetings of the board of directors at the time such action occurred or immediately after such absent director receives notice of the unlawful acts.

In addition to the indemnification obligations required by the Registrant’s amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, the Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers. These agreements provide for the indemnification of the Registrant’s directors and executive officers for all reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred in connection with any action or proceeding brought or threatened to be brought against them by reason of the fact that they are or were the Registrant’s agents.

The Registrant has also entered into an indemnity agreement with its former officers and directors, pursuant to which the Registrant agreed to indemnify such former officers and directors for actions taken by them in their official capacities relating to the consideration, approval and consummation of the merger of the Registrant's wholly owned subsidiary, Peninsula Acquisition Sub, Inc., with and into Transphorm Technology, Inc. (the "Merger") and certain related transactions.

The Registrant has also entered into a separate indemnification agreement with KKR Phorm Investors L.P. ("Phorm"), pursuant to which the Registrant agreed to indemnify Phorm and its affiliates (including their respective directors, officers, managers, controlling persons and employees) and the members of the Registrant's board of directors designated by Phorm (each, a "Phorm Designee") against liabilities arising in connection with, among other things, (i) Phorm's acquisition and ownership of the Registrant's common stock and involvement in the Merger, (ii) Phorm and its affiliates' provision of financial advisory, investment banking, syndication, monitoring and management consulting services to the Registrant and/or its subsidiaries (including in connection with any future offer or sale of securities of the Registrant or any of its subsidiaries), and (iii) any Phorm Designee's service on the Registrant's board of directors or the board of directors of any of the Registrant's subsidiaries.

The Registrant has obtained and expects to maintain general liability insurance that covers certain liabilities of the Registrant's directors and officers arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

The above provisions may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against the Registrant's directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. The provisions may also have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit the Registrant and its stockholders. Furthermore, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent the Registrant pays the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			
		Form	Exhibit	Filing Date	File No.
4.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant	10-Q	3.1	August 11, 2020	000-55832
4.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant	8-K	3.1	June 3, 2020	000-55832
4.3	Specimen common stock certificate of the Registrant	10-K	4.4	March 11, 2021	000-55832
5.1	Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C., counsel to the Registrant				
23.1	Consent of Marcum LLP, independent registered public accounting firm				
23.2	Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C. (included in Exhibit 5.1)				
24.1	Power of attorney (contained on signature page hereto)				
99.1	2020 Equity Incentive Plan	10-Q	10.2	February 11, 2022	000-55832
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Item 9. Undertakings.

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

Provided, however, that paragraphs (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Goleta, State of California, on June 29, 2022.

TRANSPHORM, INC.

By: /s/ Cameron McAulay

Name: Cameron McAulay

Title: Chief Financial Officer

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Mario Rivas and Cameron McAulay, jointly and severally, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his, her or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Mario Rivas</u> Mario Rivas	Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors (principal executive officer)	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Cameron McAulay</u> Cameron McAulay	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Julian Humphreys</u> Julian Humphreys	Director	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Katharina McFarland</u> Katharina McFarland	Director	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Umesh Mishra</u> Umesh Mishra	Chief Technology Officer and Director	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Cynthia Moreland</u> Cynthia Moreland	Director	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Kelly Smales</u> Kelly Smales	Director	June 29, 2022
<u>/s/ Eiji Yatagawa</u> Eiji Yatagawa	Director	June 29, 2022

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLE

Form S-8
(Form Type)

Transphorm, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation Rule	Amount Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share – reserved for issuance pursuant to the Registrant’s 2020 Equity Incentive Plan	Other ⁽²⁾	4,695,564 ⁽²⁾	\$4.83 ⁽³⁾	\$22,679,574.12	0.0000927	\$2,102.40
Total Offering Amounts					\$22,679,574.12		\$2,102.40
Total Fee Offsets							—
Net Fee Due							\$2,102.40

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant’s common stock that become issuable under the Registrant’s 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2020 Plan”) by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration that increases the number of the Registrant’s outstanding shares of common stock.

(2) Represents automatic annual increases of 2,026,599 shares on April 1, 2021 and 2,668,965 shares on April 1, 2022 to the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to future awards under the 2020 Plan, which increases are provided for in the 2020 Plan.

(3) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$4.83 per share, which represents the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant’s common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on June 27, 2022.

June 29, 2022

Transphorm, Inc.
75 Castilian Drive
Goleta, California 93117

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed by Transphorm, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of 4,695,564 additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Shares") reserved for issuance pursuant to the Company's 2020 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). As your legal counsel, we have reviewed the actions proposed to be taken by you in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares to be issued under the Plan.

It is our opinion that the Shares, when issued and sold in the manner referred to in the Plan and pursuant to the agreements that accompany the Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and further consent to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI
Professional Corporation

/s/ Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Transphorm, Inc. on Form S-8 of our report dated June 28, 2022, with respect to our audits of the consolidated financial statements of Transphorm, Inc. as of March 31, 2022 and 2021 and for the year ended March 31, 2022, three months ended March 31, 2021 and for the year ended December 31, 2020, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on June 29, 2022.

/s/ Marcum LLP

Marcum LLP
Chicago, IL
June 28, 2022