

CREE INC  
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 \*  
PALMOUR JOHN W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE

(Street)

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CREE INC [CREE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/22/2009

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	09/09/2009		G	V 450 D \$ 0	624,028	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009		M	100,000 A \$ 41.9688	724,028	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300 D \$ 44.28	723,728	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	400 D \$ 44.3	723,328	D	
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>	300 D \$ 44.31	723,028	D	

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COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 44.3101	722,028	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,200	D	\$ 44.32	720,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	800	D	\$ 44.3214	720,028	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	7,200	D	\$ 44.34	712,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 44.35	709,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 44.37	708,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 44.39	707,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 44.4	704,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 44.42	702,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	4,500	D	\$ 44.45	697,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	3,500	D	\$ 44.46	694,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 44.4605	692,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 44.47	690,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	6,000	D	\$ 44.48	684,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 44.49	682,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 44.4903	681,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	78,000	D	\$ 44.5053	603,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 44.54	599,328	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 44.55	596,828	D
COMMON STOCK	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	1,800	D	\$ 44.57	595,028	D
	10/22/2009	<u>S(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 44.58	594,928 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

COMMON  
STOCK

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 Derivative Security	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 (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title Underlying (Instr. 3)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 41.9688	10/22/2009		M	100,000	07/01/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/03/2010	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PALMOUR JOHN W C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X			

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

10/26/2009

\*\*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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. Palmour on February 13, 2009.
- (2) Of the 594,928 shares reported, 554,928 shares are held directly and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.
- (3) Option vested as to 20,000 shares on July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001 and as to 60,000 shares on July 1, 2002.

**Remarks:**

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