

SWOBODA CHARLES M  
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 \*  
SWOBODA CHARLES M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/18/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

DURHAM, NC 27703

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

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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
COMMON STOCK	12/14/2009		G	3,000	D \$ 0	228,412	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		M	37,500	A \$ 27.47	265,912	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		M	40,000	A \$ 22.9	305,912	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D \$ 64	302,912	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	1,200	D \$ 64.01	301,712	D

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COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.02	300,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 64.03	298,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.042	297,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 64.05	295,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 64.06	293,212	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.08	292,212	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 64.09	289,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.0918	288,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	5,900	D	\$ 64.1	282,812	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,100	D	\$ 64.11	279,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	5,000	D	\$ 64.15	274,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 64.1513	271,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.17	270,712	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,260	D	\$ 64.18	267,452	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 64.181	266,452	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 64.1825	264,452	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 64.19	261,452	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,500	D	\$ 64.2206	257,952	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,000	D	\$ 64.2207	254,952	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	11,000	D	\$ 64.23	243,952	D
	02/18/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	3,540	D	\$ 64.351	240,412	D

COMMON STOCK								
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 64.36	237,412	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 64.37	234,412	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 64.38	231,412	D
COMMON STOCK	02/18/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3,000	D	\$ 64.41	228,412	D

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 and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 27.47	02/18/2010		M	37,500	09/04/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/04/2014	COMMON STOCK
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 22.9	02/18/2010		M	40,000	09/02/2009 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/02/2015	COMMON STOCK

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWOBODA CHARLES M C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X		CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO	

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/19/2010

\_\_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 Mr. Swoboda on December 3, 2009.
- (2) Option vests as to 25,000 shares on September 4, 2008, September 4, 2009 and September 4, 2010.
- (3) Option vests as to 40,000 shares on September 2, 2009, September 2, 2010 and September 2, 2011.

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