

Emerson David Todd  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Emerson David Todd		(Month/Day/Year)	CREE INC [CREE]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	08/31/2017	
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
DURHAM,Â NCÂ 27703			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			EVP, GM LED	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
COMMON STOCK	113,222	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Title			

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	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/01/2014 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/01/2018	COMMON STOCK 30,000 \$ 30.92	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/04/2015 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/04/2019	COMMON STOCK 40,000 \$ 27.77	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/03/2016 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/03/2020	COMMON STOCK 9,000 \$ 54.6	D Â
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	09/02/2017 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/02/2021	COMMON STOCK 9,000 \$ 45.13	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Emerson David Todd C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	Â	Â	Â	EVP, GM LED Â

## Signatures

Bradley D. Kohn as agent for David T.  
Emerson

09/06/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vested as to 10,000 shares on each September 1, 2012, September 1, 2013 and September 1, 2014.
- (2) Option vested as to 13,334 shares on September 4, 2013, and as to 13,333 on September 4, 2014 and September 4, 2015.
- (3) Option vested as to 3,000 shares on each September 3, 2014, September 3, 2015 and September 3, 2016.
- (4) Option vested as to 3,000 shares on each September 2, 2015, September 2, 2016 and September 2, 2017.

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