LITHIA MOTORS INC

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See Instruction 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 19

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Class A

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A DEBOER J	Symbol		d Ticker or		C	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 360 E. JAC		Middle) 3. Date of (Month/E	LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/02/2005				DirectorX_ Officer (give below)		Owner or (specify
MEDFORD		Filed(Mon	endment, D nth/Day/Yea	ate Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(State) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3.	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	ies Ac	quired of (D)	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)
Class A Common	03/02/2005		M	14,000	A	\$ 10.75	14,000	D	

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

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$\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secur Acqu or Dis (D)	rities ired (A) sposed of : 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13						12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42						03/11/2009	03/11/2010	Class A Common	8,001
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.58						02/09/2010	02/09/2011	Class A Common	12,000
Stock Option (1998bj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 14.75						01/01/2003	12/31/2005	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (1999bj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5						01/01/2004	01/01/2009	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (2000aj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75						<u>(6)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	13,250
Stock Option (2000bj)	\$ 16.75						01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	4,000

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(NQ) (right to buy)								
Stock Option (2001) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 1				12/26/2005	12/26/2010	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24				12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (1997bj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 10.75	03/02/2005	M	14,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/03/2005	Class A Common	14,000
Class B Common	\$ 0				(2)	(2)	Class A Common	1,871
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Stock Option (1997) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 1				<u>(4)</u>	12/31/2005	Class A Common	727
Stock Option (2000a) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75				<u>(5)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	6,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiationsnips							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
DEBOER JEFFREY B			Senior Vice President, CFO					
360 E. JACKSON ST.								

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MEDFORD, OR 97501

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact for

03/02/2005

**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) Beginning on the 1st anniversary of the grant date, the options vest as to 20% of the total grant on each of the 1st through the 5th anniversaries.
- (2) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.
- (3) Mr. DeBoer is a member in the DeBoer Insurance, LLC which is a member of Lithia Holding Company, LLC, the owner of all of the Class B Common stock of Lithia Motors.
- (4) The options vest as to 20% of the total grant on the date of grant and 20% each anniversary date thereafter.
- (5) Beginning on the 1st anniversary of the grant date, the options vest as to 20% of the total grant on each of the 1st through the 5th anniversaries.
- (6) The options vest as follows: 3,402 on 1/6/01; 3,402 on 1/6/02; 2,447 on 1/6/03; 2,029 on 1/6/04; and 1,970 on 1/6/05.

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