#### LITHIA MOTORS INC

Form 4

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### FORM 4

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

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Class A

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

1 Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

JONES DO	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]					Issuer  (Check all applicable)				
(Last) 360 E. JAC		Middle)	3. Date of (Month/D 02/28/20					DirectorX Officer (give below)	10%	Owner er (specify
	4. If Amendment, Date Original					Sr. Vice President, Retail  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
MEDFORD	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-L	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d 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	02/28/2005			M	4,000	A	\$ 14.75	31,047	D	
Class A Common	02/28/2005			M	4,000	A	\$ 16.5	35,047	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (2000a) (ISO) (right ot buy)	\$ 16.75					<u>(1)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	14,446
Stock Option (2000c) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75					<u>(2)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	5,554
Stock Option (2001iso) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24					12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	5,197
Stock Option (2002iso) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13					12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	6,609
Stock Option (1998) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 14.75	02/28/2005		M	4,000	01/01/2003	12/31/2005	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (1999) (ISO)	\$ 16.5	02/28/2005		M	4,000	01/01/2004	01/01/2009	Class A Common	4,000

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(right to buy)					
Stock Option (2000) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75	01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13	12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	1,391
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 (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	2,803

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
reporting of their remains a remainder	Director 10% Owner Officer		Other			
JONES DON H						
360 E. JACKSON ST.			Sr. Vice President, Retail			
MEDFORD, OR 97501						

# **Signatures**

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact for 03/01/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

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## **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 option vests as follows: 4,000 on 1/6/01; 4,000 on 1/6/02; 2,447 on 1/6/03; 2,029 on 1/6/04 and 1,970 on 1/6/05
- (2) The options vest as follows: 1,553 on 1/6/03; 1,971 on 1/6/04; and 2,030 on 1/6/05

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