

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
 Form 4  
 December 16, 2008

**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 \*  
**DEBOER BRYAN B**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 360 E. JACKSON ST.  
 (Street)

MEDFORD, OR 97501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/16/2008**

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)  
**President & COO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
Class A Common	12/16/2008		S	V	1,400	D	\$ 2.99	4,600	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)**

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Class B Common	\$ 0					(1)	(1)	Class A Common	1,871
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Stock Option (2000c) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75					(2)	01/06/2010	Class A Common	5,554
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	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.58					02/09/2010	02/09/2011	Class A Common	16,002
Stock Option (2000ab) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75					(3)	01/06/2010	Class A Common	14,446
Stock Option (2000bj)	\$ 16.75					01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	4,000

(NQ) (right to buy)						
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24		12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.67		03/10/2011	03/10/2012	Class A Common	18,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34		03/09/2012	03/09/2013	Class A Common	18,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.38		03/10/2012	03/09/2014	Class A Common	25,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.37		<u>(4)</u>	08/11/2014	Class A Common	80,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEBOER BRYAN B 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501			President & COO	

## Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney  
in Fact

12/16/2008

\*\*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) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.
- (2) The options vest as to 50% of total grant on 3rd anniversary of grant date and remaining 50% on 4th anniversary date.
- (3) 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
- (4) These options vest 50% on 2nd anniversary, 25% on 3rd anniversary and 25% on 4th anniversary.

**Remarks:**

This sale transacted to realize capital lose for tax purposes.

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