

Drachman David J
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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 *
Drachman David J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE
(Street)

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/08/2012

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, CEO and Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2012 | | | M | 18,575 | A | \$ 1.33 |
| Common Stock | 05/08/2012 | | | S | 18,575 | D | \$ 9.1 (1) |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2012 | | | M | 2,900 | A | \$ 1.33 |
| Common Stock | 05/09/2012 | | | S | 2,900 | D | \$ 9.06 |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | | | M | 1,586 | A | \$ 1.33 |

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|--------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | S | 1,586 | D | \$ 9.04 (2) | 405,106 | D |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2012 | M | 87,160 | A | \$ 1.33 | 492,266 | 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.33 | 05/08/2012 | | M | 18,575 | 10/14/2003 ⁽³⁾ 10/14/2012 | Common Stock | 18,575 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.33 | 05/09/2012 | | M | 2,900 | 10/14/2003 ⁽³⁾ 10/14/2012 | Common Stock | 2,900 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.33 | 05/10/2012 | | M | 1,586 | 10/14/2003 ⁽³⁾ 10/14/2012 | Common Stock | 1,586 | |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.33 | 05/10/2012 | | M | 87,160 | 10/14/2003 ⁽³⁾ 10/14/2012 | Common Stock | 87,160 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Drachman David J 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 | X | | President, CEO and Director | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Sarah Luken as attorney-in-fact for David J. Drachman | 05/10/2012 |
| __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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.06 to \$9.12 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
 - (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$9.01 to \$9.05 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
 - (3) These options were granted on October 14, 2002 and are exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum beginning on October 14, 2003 (one year from grant date).

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