

CREE INC

Form 4

August 17, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SWOBODA CHARLES M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON
DRIVE**

(Street)

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CREE INC [CREE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2005

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)
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	08/15/2005		M		15,000	A	\$ 3.8125	80,145	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		400	D	\$ 23.75	79,745	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		589	D	\$ 23.79	79,156	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		2,550	D	\$ 23.8	76,606	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		9,170	D	\$ 23.81	67,436	D

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Common Stock	08/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	1,691	D	\$ 23.82	65,745	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	400	D	\$ 23.83	65,345	D
Common Stock	08/15/2005	S ⁽¹⁾	200	D	\$ 23.85	65,145	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Nonqualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.8125	08/15/2005		M		15,000		07/01/1999 ⁽²⁾	07/01/2008	Common Stock	1,000,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SWOBODA CHARLES M C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	X CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

Signatures

Charles M. Swoboda 08/17/2005

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) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 4, 2004.
- (2) Option vested and became exercisable as to 20,000 shares on July 1, 1999 and as to 80,000 shares on each of July 1, 2000 and July 1, 2001.

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