

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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2012

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President, CEO and Director

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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	(D)	Price
Common Stock	05/18/2012		M		5,343	A	\$ 1.33
Common Stock	05/18/2012		S		5,343	D	\$ 8.19 (1)
Common Stock	05/22/2012		S		33,841 (2)	D	\$ 8.24 (3)

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)
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.33	05/18/2012		M	5,343	10/14/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 10/14/2012	Common Stock 5,343

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

/s/ Sarah Luken as attorney-in-fact for David J. Drachman
 Date: 05/22/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$8.10 to \$8.29 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) The Reporting Person intends to apply proceeds from the disposition of these shares to the payment of taxes and other costs incurred in connection with the exercise of options reported separately.

(3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$8.20 to \$8.40 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.

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- (4) 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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