

SPEED JAMES B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPEED JAMES B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/05/2009

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

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

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

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/05/2009		G	V 16,650 D \$ 0	1,028,067	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 1,850 D \$ 0	1,026,217	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		G <sup>(2)</sup>	V 7,000 D \$ 0	1,019,217	D	
Common Stock	01/05/2009		G <sup>(1)</sup>	V 1,850 A \$ 0	10,454	I	By F. Alexander Speed Trust for benefit of minor living in

Common Stock	01/05/2009	G <sup>(2)</sup>	V	7,000	A	\$ 0	158,712	I	household By spouse
Common Stock	01/06/2009	G	V	5,550	D	\$ 0	1,013,667	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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPEED JAMES B 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD VAN BUREN, AR 72956	X	X		

## Signatures

Darron R. Ming,  
Attorney-in-fact

01/09/2009

\_\_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).

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Gift to a trust of which the reporting person's wife is trustee and his daughter, who is a minor living in the reporting person's household, is sole primary beneficiary. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

(2) Gift to the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his spouse.

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