

SWOBODA CHARLES M  
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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 \*  
SWOBODA CHARLES M

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/01/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

DURHAM, NC 27703

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	08/02/2010		G	V 3,000 D \$ 0	225,871	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2010		F <sup>(1)</sup>	13,585 D \$ 53.54	212,286	D	
COMMON STOCK	09/01/2010		A <sup>(2)</sup>	35,000 A \$ 0	247,286 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	

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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 Underlying (Instr. 3)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 55.3	09/01/2010		A	120,000	09/01/2011 <sup>(4)</sup> 09/01/2017	COMMON STOCK

## 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  
Date: 09/01/2010

\*\*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) Disposition of shares back to the company to satisfy withholding obligations related to restricted stock vesting September 1, 2010.
- (2) Restricted stock award vesting in five equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2011.
- (3) Includes 459 shares purchased by Mr. Swoboda on April 30, 2010 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (4) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2011.

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