

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 SHOVEN JOHN B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS INC [CDN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/20/2004

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

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/20/2004		M	A	\$ 5.8333	29,000	D
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 14.12	15,000	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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.8333	12/20/2004		M	14,000	(2) 04/04/2005	Common Stock 14,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHOVEN JOHN B 2655 SEELY AVENUE, BLDG. 5 SAN JOSE, CA 95134		X		

## Signatures

William Porter, Attorney-in-Fact for John B. Shoven  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 12/21/2004

## 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 sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on December 16, 2004.
- (2) Option was granted on April 4, 1995 with the following vesting schedule: 22,494 shares were vested on April 4, 1996 and 45,006 shares were vested at a rate of 1/24th per month commencing on April 4, 1996.

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