

PALMOUR JOHN W  
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 \*  
PALMOUR JOHN W

(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)  
12/01/2009

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | M                              | 30,000 A \$ 31.24   | 604,416   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,500 D \$ 49   | 602,916   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 8,500 D \$ 49.0006  | 594,416   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 D \$ 49.0092  | 593,416   | D  |   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 12/01/2009                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 1,000 D \$ 49.01  | 592,416   | D  |   |

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|              |            |                         |       |   |            |                        |                  |
|--------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|---|------------|------------------------|------------------|
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 49.02   | 590,916                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,000 | D | \$ 49.023  | 589,916                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 49.03   | 588,416                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 3,500 | D | \$ 49.04   | 584,916                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,000 | D | \$ 49.05   | 583,916                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 49.0503 | 582,416                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,000 | D | \$ 49.0505 | 581,416                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 49.0853 | 579,916                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 49.0951 | 578,416                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,000 | D | \$ 49.1003 | 576,416                | D                |
| COMMON STOCK | 12/01/2009 | <u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup> | 2,000 | D | \$ 49.11   | 574,416 <sup>(2)</sup> | D <sup>(3)</sup> |

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<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |              |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                              | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable  | Expiration Date                                      | Title        |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION                     | \$ 31.24   | 12/01/2009                              |   | M                                 | 30,000   | 04/15/2005  | 10/01/2011   | COMMON STOCK |

(RIGHT TO BUY)

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| PALMOUR JOHN W<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

12/03/2009

\_\_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).
- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. Palmour on February 13, 2009.
- (2) Includes 388 shares purchased by Dr. Palmour on October 31, 2009 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Of the 574,416 shares reported, 534,416 shares are held by Dr. Palmour directly and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.

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