

POWELL ROBERT M  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**POWELL ROBERT M**

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)  
**08/31/2009**

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

Chairman of the Board

**VAN BUREN, AR 72956**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 08/31/2009                           |  | A                              | 38,000 A \$ 0 (1)   | 1,112,400   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 12,500 (2)  | I  | By Spouse                         |

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 Following Transaction (Instr. 5) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| POWELL ROBERT M<br>3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | X             | X         | Chairman of the Board |       |

## Signatures

Darron R. Ming, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed 09/02/2009

\_\_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) On August 22, 2003, the reporting person contributed/transferred 100,000 of his personally owned shares of USA Truck, Inc. (the "Company") common stock to the Company without consideration in a transaction exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 (e). The shares were contributed for the purpose of issuance to certain officers of the Company as awards of restricted stock under the USA Truck, Inc. 2003 Restricted Stock Award Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan terminated on August 31, 2009 and pursuant to the terms of the Plan all shares available for issuance under the Plan and not subject to outstanding awards on that date were returned to the reporting person without consideration in a transaction exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3 (d).

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

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