

CREE INC  
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 \*  
SWOBODA CHARLES M

(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)  
01/25/2008

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)  
CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO

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                    | 01/25/2008                           |  | M                              |   | 33,800  | A  | \$ 25.3   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/25/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 9,100   | D  | \$ 30.06  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/25/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 7,200   | D  | \$ 30.09  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/25/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 400   | D  | \$ 30.1   |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 01/25/2008                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 1,200   | D  | \$ 30.12  |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|---------|---|
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,500 | D | \$ 30.2  | 171,743 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 3,600 | D | \$ 30.25 | 168,143 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,200 | D | \$ 30.29 | 166,943 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 500   | D | \$ 30.34 | 166,443 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 100   | D | \$ 30.37 | 166,343 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 300   | D | \$ 30.38 | 166,043 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 5,400 | D | \$ 30.4  | 160,643 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,800 | D | \$ 30.41 | 158,843 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 1,300 | D | \$ 30.42 | 157,543 | D |
| COMMON STOCK | 01/25/2008 | S <sup>(1)</sup> | 200   | D | \$ 30.44 | 157,343 | 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4) |              |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date                          | Title        |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)   | \$ 25.3  | 01/25/2008                           |  | M                              | 33,800  | 07/02/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>                                | 07/02/2008                               | COMMON STOCK |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| SWOBODA CHARLES M<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 | X             |           | CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO |       |

## Signatures

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Charles M.<br>Swoboda              | 01/28/2008 |
| **Signature of<br>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 Mr. Swoboda on December 2, 2005 and modified on August 21, 2007.
  - (2) Option vested and became exercisable as to 120,000 shares on 7/2/2003 and as to 200,000 shares on 7/2/2004.

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