

Drachman David J
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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 *
 Drachman David J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2011

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

6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | | M | | 40,671 A \$ 1.33 | 321,363 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | | S | | 38,541 D \$ 10.35 | 282,822 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | | S | | 100 D \$ 10.36 | 282,722 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | | S | | 800 D \$ 10.365 | 281,922 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | | S | | 600 D \$ 10.75 | 281,322 | D |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|---------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | S | 20 | D | \$ 10.89 | 281,302 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | S | 210 | D | \$ 11.01 | 281,092 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/23/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 11.03 | 280,692 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.33 | 02/23/2011 | | M | 40,671 | 10/14/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 10/14/2012 | Common Stock | 40,671 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Drachman David J 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 | X | | President and CEO and Director | |

Signatures

/s/ Julie A. Piton as Attorney-in-Fact for David J Drachman
02/25/2011

__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) These options were granted on October 14, 2002 and are exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum beginning on October 14, 2003 (one year from grant date).

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