

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 \*  
WAGNER HARVEY A

(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)  
11/22/2010

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |        |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--------|---|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount (A) or Price (D)   |  |                                   |        |   |  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 11/22/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 3,000   | A  | \$ 24.33                          | 23,000 | D |  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 11/22/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 3,000   | D  | \$ 58.52<br>(1)                   | 20,000 | D |  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 11/23/2010                           |  | M                              |   | 3,000   | A  | \$ 24.33                          | 23,000 | D |  |
| COMMON STOCK                    | 11/23/2010                           |  | S                              |   | 3,000   | D  | \$ 58.21<br>(2)                   | 20,000 | D |  |

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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<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 24.33   | 11/22/2010                              |   | M                                 | 3,000  | 03/31/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2011                        | COMMON STOCK                                |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)      | \$ 24.33   | 11/23/2010                              |   | M                                 | 3,000  | 03/31/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/03/2011                        | COMMON STOCK                                |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson, As Agent for Harvey A. Wagner  
11/23/2010

\*\*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 price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.50 to \$58.56, inclusive. Mr. Wagner undertakes to provide to Cree, Inc., any security holder of Cree, Inc., or the staff of the

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Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average sale price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$58.201 to \$58.218, inclusive. Mr. Wagner undertakes to provide to Cree, Inc., any security holder of Cree, Inc., or the staff of the

(2) Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.

(3) Option vested as to 4,000 shares on each of March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004 and September 30, 2004.

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