

LITHIA MOTORS INC
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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 *
BECKER THOMAS R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 360 E. JACKSON ST.
 (Street)
 MEDFORD, OR 97501
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2006

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common	01/02/2006		M	1,500 A	\$ 14.31	15,200	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)

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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 (1998) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 14.31	01/02/2006		M		1,500		01/02/1998	01/02/2006	Class A Common	1,500
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42							09/11/2004	03/11/2010	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (2000) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							07/06/2000	01/06/2010	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (2001dir) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24							06/26/2002	12/26/2011	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (2002dr) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13							06/26/2003	12/26/2012	Class A Common	1,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.6							07/25/2005	01/25/2011	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (2001) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 11.81							05/26/2001	12/26/2010	Class A Common	1,000

buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BECKER THOMAS R 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501	X			

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney-in-Fact for	01/03/2006
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

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).

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