

PALMOUR JOHN W  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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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 \*  
PALMOUR JOHN W

(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)  
01/21/2010

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
COMMON STOCK	11/16/2009		G		85	D	\$ 0 574,331 D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	D	\$ 61.892 573,331 D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	D	\$ 62.051 572,331 D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		2,208	D	\$ 62.25 570,123 D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,000	D	\$ 62.27 569,123 D

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COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.33	568,123	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,438	D	\$ 62.35	565,685	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 62.3585	563,685	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 62.36	561,685	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.364	560,685	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 62.38	556,685	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	4,535	D	\$ 62.4	552,150	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,504	D	\$ 62.41	550,646	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	7,000	D	\$ 62.42	543,646	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,305	D	\$ 62.4237	542,341	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,617	D	\$ 62.4256	540,724	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,200	D	\$ 62.43	538,524	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,053	D	\$ 62.4395	537,471	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,424	D	\$ 62.44	536,047	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 62.45	533,547	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 62.46	531,047	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 62.463	530,047	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 62.47	528,547	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,000	D	\$ 62.48	526,547	D
COMMON STOCK	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	4,000	D	\$ 62.486	522,547	D
	01/21/2010	<u>S(1)</u>	2,500	D	\$ 62.49	520,047	D

COMMON  
STOCK

COMMON STOCK 01/21/2010 S(1) 3,000 D \$ 62.4937 517,047 D (2)

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 Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PALMOUR JOHN W C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703		X		

## Signatures

John W.  
Palmour  
01/22/2010  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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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- (1) The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. Palmour on December 4, 2009.
- (2) Of the 517,047 shares reported, 477,047 shares are held directly by Dr. Palmour and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.

### **Remarks:**

Form 1 of 2

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