#### LITHIA MOTORS INC

Form 4

August 12, 2008

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **DEBOER JEFFREY B** Issuer Symbol LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner Other (specify \_X\_\_ Officer (give title 360 E. JACKSON ST. 08/11/2008 below) Senior Vice President, CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting MEDFORD, OR 97501 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

| (City)                               | (State) (2                           | Table                             | I - Non-De       | erivative Se                       | ecurities Acc | quired, Disposed (                                       | of, or Beneficial                | ly Owned                         |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3.<br>Transactio | 4. Securiti nAcquired ( Disposed ( | (A) or        | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially                     | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial |
| (iiisu. 3)                           |                                      | (Month/Day/Year)                  | (Instr. 8)       | (Instr. 3, 4                       | ` /           | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)          | Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)          |
| Class A<br>Common                    |                                      |                                   |                  |                                    |               | 9,711  | D                                |                                  |
| Class A<br>Common                    |                                      |                                   |                  |                                    |               | 2,853  | I                                | By 401(k)                        |

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# $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)     | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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  | V | (A)  | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title             | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                    | \$ 5.37   | 08/11/2008                              |   | A   |   | 50,000   |     | <u>(1)</u>  | 08/11/2014         | Class A<br>Common | 50,000                              |
| Class B<br>Common                                       | \$ 0  |   |   |   |   |  |     | (2)   | (2)                | Class A<br>Common | 1,871                               |
| Class B<br>Common                                       | \$ 0  |   |   |   |   |  |     | (2)   | (2)                | Class A<br>Common | 66,348                              |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(2000a)<br>(NQ)<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 16.75  |   |   |   |   |  |     | <u>(4)</u>  | 01/06/2010         | Class A<br>Common | 6,750                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(2002nq)<br>(right to<br>buy)        | \$ 15.13  |   |   |   |   |  |     | 12/26/2007  | 12/26/2012         | Class A<br>Common | 8,000                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                    | \$ 29.42  |   |   |   |   |  |     | 03/11/2009  | 03/11/2010         | Class A<br>Common | 8,001                               |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                    | \$ 27.58  |   |   |   |   |  |     | 02/09/2010  | 02/09/2011         | Class A<br>Common | 12,000                              |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(1999bj)<br>(NQ)<br>(right to        | \$ 16.5   |   |   |   |   |  |     | 01/01/2004  | 01/01/2009         | Class A<br>Common | 4,000                               |

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| buy)   |          |            |            |                   |        |
|--|----------|------------|------------|-------------------|--------|
| Stock<br>Option<br>(2000aj)<br>(NQ)<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 16.75 | <u>(5)</u> | 01/06/2010 | Class A<br>Common | 13,250 |
| Stock Option (2000bj) (NQ) (right to buy)                | \$ 16.75 | 01/06/2005 | 01/06/2010 | Class A<br>Common | 4,000  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(2001nq)<br>(right to<br>buy)         | \$ 19.24 | 12/26/2006 | 12/26/2011 | Class A<br>Common | 8,000  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                     | \$ 31.67 | 03/10/2011 | 03/10/2012 | Class A<br>Common | 14,000 |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                     | \$ 28.34 | 03/09/2012 | 03/09/2013 | Class A<br>Common | 14,000 |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                     | \$ 9.38  | 03/10/2012 | 03/09/2014 | Class A<br>Common | 15,000 |

# **Reporting Owners**

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships |           |                            |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| DEBOER JEFFREY B 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501  Signatures | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |  |  |  |
| 360 E. JACKSON ST.  |               |           | Senior Vice President, CFO |       |  |  |  |
| Signatures  |               |           |                            |       |  |  |  |
| By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact                            |               | 08/12/20  | 08/12/2008                 |       |  |  |  |

Date

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- \* 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 opitions vest 50% on 2nd anniversary, 25% on 3rd anniversary and 25% on 4th anniversary.
- (2) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.
- (3) Mr. DeBoer is a member in the DeBoer Insurance, LLC which is a member of Lithia Holding Company, LLC, the owner of all of the Class B Common stock of Lithia Motors.
- (4) Beginning on the 1st anniversary of the grant date, the options vest as to 20% of the total grant on each of the 1st through the 5th anniversaries.
- (5) The options vest as follows: 3,402 on 1/6/01; 3,402 on 1/6/02; 2,447 on 1/6/03; 2,029 on 1/6/04; and 1,970 on 1/6/05.

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