

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 \*  
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)  
02/26/2008

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)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

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 (A) or (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008		M	17,500 A \$ 12.51	748,209	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008		S(1)	8,400 D \$ 35	739,809	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008		S(1)	206 D \$ 35.01	739,603	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008		S(1)	1,853 D \$ 35.02	737,750	D	
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008		S(1)	1,482 D \$ 35.03	736,268	D	

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COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	741	D	\$ 35.04	735,527	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,400	D	\$ 35.05	734,127	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	2,182	D	\$ 35.06	731,945	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	3,459	D	\$ 35.07	728,486	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,112	D	\$ 35.08	727,374	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,688	D	\$ 35.09	725,686	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	824	D	\$ 35.1	724,862	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	412	D	\$ 35.1075	724,450	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	2,965	D	\$ 35.11	721,485	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	41	D	\$ 35.12	721,444	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	453	D	\$ 35.13	720,991	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	41	D	\$ 35.14	720,950	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	5,229	D	\$ 35.15	715,721	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	329	D	\$ 35.16	715,392	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	329	D	\$ 35.18	715,063	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	82	D	\$ 35.2	714,981	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	124	D	\$ 35.21	714,857	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	41	D	\$ 35.22	714,816	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	82	D	\$ 35.23	714,734	D
COMMON STOCK	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	1,112	D	\$ 35.25	713,622	D
	02/26/2008	<u>S(1)</u>	413	D	\$ 35.32	713,209	D <u>(2)</u>

COMMON  
STOCK

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 12.51	02/26/2008		M	17,500	09/03/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/03/2009	COMMON STOCK

## 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		EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	

## Signatures

Tamara Cappelson,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/28/2008

\_\_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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Dr. Palmour on May 12, 2006 and modified on August 22, 2007.
- (2) Of the 713,209 shares reported, 673,209 are held by Dr. Palmour directly and 40,000 shares are held indirectly by Dr. Palmour's spouse.

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- (3) The option vested and became exercisable as to 15,000 shares on September 3, 2003 and as to 10,000 shares on each of September 3, 2004 and September 3, 2005.

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