

LITHIA MOTORS 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 \*  
**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)  
 12/15/2010

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common	12/15/2010		M	1,000	A \$ 11.81	43,179	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 (2001) (NDNQ) (right to buy)	\$ 11.81	12/15/2010		M		1,000		05/26/2001	12/26/2010	Class A Common	1,000
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 (right to buy)	\$ 31.67							09/10/2006	03/10/2012	Class A Common	2,000
	\$ 28.34							09/09/2007	03/09/2013		2,000

Stock Option (right to buy)	Exercise Price	Grant Date	Expiration Date	Class	Quantity
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.38	09/10/2008	03/10/2014	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.96	05/30/2009	09/02/2014	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.225	<u>(1)</u>	05/01/2015	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.87	<u>(1)(2)</u>	04/28/2016	Class A Common	2,000

## 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  
 Date: 12/15/2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \*\*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) This option vests on the date of the next annual shareholders meeting.
- (2) These shares awarded as restricted stock units in consideration for future board services and vest on date of the next annual shareholders' meeting.

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