#### LITHIA MOTORS INC

Form 4

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# FORM 4

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DEBOER BRYAN B			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (	Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction					•			
360 E. JACKSON ST.			(Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2006					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)  President & COO			
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MEDFORE	o, OR 97501							Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	med on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D) 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)		
Class A Common	03/14/2006			Code V S	Amount 1,000	(D)	Price \$ 31.77	8,715	D		
Class A Common	03/14/2006			S	1,015	D	\$ 31.76	7,700	D		
Class A	03/14/2006			S	1,700	D	\$ 31.75	6,000	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

Common

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	s S S O O (I	5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispos (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	ye s l (A) sed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	7	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.58							02/09/2010	02/09/2011	Class A Common	16,002
Stock Option (1999bj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5							01/01/2004	01/01/2009	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (2000ab) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							(3)	01/06/2010	Class A Common	14,446
Stock Option (2000bj) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	4,000
Stock Option (2001) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 1							12/26/2005	12/26/2010	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to	\$ 19.24							12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	8,000

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buy)								
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.67	03/10/2006	A	18,000	03/10/2011	03/10/2012	Class A Common	18,000
Class B Common	\$ 0				<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	1,871
Class B Common	\$ 0				<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	66,348
Stock Option (2000c) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75				<u>(2)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	5,554
Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13				12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	8,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42				03/11/2009	03/11/2010	Class A Common	12,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer of the same	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DEBOER BRYAN B							
360 E. JACKSON ST.			President & COO				
MEDFORD OR 97501							

# **Signatures**

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact 03/14/2006

\*\*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) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.
- (2) The options vest as to 50% of total grant on 3rd anniversary of grant date and remaining 50% on 4th anniversary date.

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(3) The option vests as follows: 4,000 on 1/6/01; 4,000 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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