

STEIN MART 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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**METTLER ROBERT L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O STEIN MART, INC., 1200 RIVERPLACE BOULEVARD**

(Street)

**JACKSVILLE, FL 32207**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**STEIN MART INC [SMRT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**08/17/2009**

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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase)	\$ 10.5	08/17/2009	A	4,000					08/17/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/17/2016	Common Stock, \$.01 par value	4
Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase)	\$ 10.5	08/17/2009	A	7,500					08/17/2012 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/17/2016	Common Stock, \$.01 par value	7

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
METTLER ROBERT L C/O STEIN MART, INC. 1200 RIVERPLACE BOULEVARD JACKSVILLE, FL 32207	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Robert L.  
Mettler

08/19/2009

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).
- (1) Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. One third of the options vest on each of the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the grant date. Shares acquired on exercise of the options may not be sold until the earlier of (1) one year from the date of exercise, or (2) a change of control of the Company.
- (2) Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan and vests 100% three years from the date of the grant. Shares acquired on exercise of the options may not be sold until the earlier of (1) one year from the date of exercise, or (2) a change of control of the Company.

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