

Pierce Gary L.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Pierce Gary L.

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O STEIN MART, INC., 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/18/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior VP, Director of Stores

(Street)
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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 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)	Code V Amount (D) 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	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (To Purchase)	\$ 9.08	05/18/2010	A	20,000					(1)	05/18/2017	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Pierce Gary L. C/O STEIN MART, INC. 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207			Senior VP, Director of Stores	

Signatures

/s/ John J. Wolfel, Jr., Attorney-in-Fact for Gary L. Pierce
 Date: 05/19/2010

__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).

Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. The options have a 7-year term and vest over 5 years with 33% vesting on the (1) third anniversary of the grant date, 33% vesting on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, and 34% vesting on the fifth anniversary of the grant date.

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