

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
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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 \*  
**GRAY R BRADFORD**

(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)  
03/10/2006

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Class A Common				(A) or (D) Price	45,712	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 of Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.67	03/10/2006		A		14,000		03/10/2011	03/10/2012	Class A Common	14,000
Class B Common	\$ 0							<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	278,978
Stock Option (1999) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5							01/01/2004	01/01/2009	Class A Common	6,060
Stock Option (1999b) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5							01/01/2005	01/01/2009	Class A Common	1,940
Stock Option (2000) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	3,941
Stock Option (2000b) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							<u>(2)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	15,949
Stock Option (2000c) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75							<u>(3)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	8,110

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Stock Option (2001iso) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24	12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	5,197
Stock Option (2002iso) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13	12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	6,609
Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13	12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	5,391
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	03/11/2009	03/11/2010	Class A Common	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.58	02/09/2010	02/09/2011	Class A Common	14,001
Stock Option (2001) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 1	12/26/2005	12/26/2010	Class A Common	12,000
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24	12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	6,803

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRAY R BRADFORD 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501	X		Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in  
Fact for

03/13/2006

\_\_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 follows: 3,498 on 12/31/00; 3,498 on 1/6/01; and 4,894 on 1/6/02.
- (3) 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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