

CREE INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |  |
| Â McDevitt Michael E                      |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | CREE INC [CREE]  |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 05/05/2006   |  |
| C/O CREE, INC., Â 4600 SILICON DRIVE      |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |  |
| DURHAM, Â NC Â 27703                      |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|   |         |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |
|   |         |                                      | INTER. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER   |  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| COMMON STOCK                    | 1,084   | D  | Â   |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
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|  | Expiration Date                      | Amount or Number of Shares   | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 11/01/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 11/01/2009 | COMMON STOCK 16,000 \$ 18.5  | D Â                        |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 10/13/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/13/2010 | COMMON STOCK 8,000 \$ 19.88  | D Â                        |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 04/15/2005 10/01/2011                | COMMON STOCK 10,000 \$ 31.24 | D Â                        |
| NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) | 09/01/2006 <sup>(3)</sup> 09/01/2012 | COMMON STOCK 5,000 \$ 25.47  | D Â                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                          | Other |
| McDevitt Michael E<br>C/O CREE, INC.<br>4600 SILICON DRIVE<br>DURHAM, NC 27703 | Â             | Â         | Â INTER. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | Â     |

## Signatures

MICHAEL E. MCDEVITT 05/09/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 3,200 shares on each of November 1, 2003, November 1, 2004, November 1, 2005, November 1, 2006 and November 1, 2007.
- (2) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 1,600 shares on each of October 13, 2004, October 13, 2005, October 13, 2006, October 13, 2007 and October 13, 2008.
- (3) Option vests and becomes exercisable as to 1,667 shares on each of September 1, 2006 and September 1, 2007 and as to 1,666 shares on September 1, 2008.

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