

AtriCure, Inc.
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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 * Â ROBARDS KAREN P (Last) (First) (Middle) 173 RIVERSIDE DRIVE (Street) NEW YORK, Â NY Â 10024 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/04/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	49,736	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	43,615	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	72,679	\$ 0 (1)	D	Â
Preferred Stock Warrants (Right to Buy)	08/10/2005	Â (2)	Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (1)	5,241	\$ 5.43	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	03/29/2002(3)	03/29/2011	Common Stock	3,947	\$ 0.57	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBARDS KAREN P 173 RIVERSIDE DRIVE NEW YORK, NY 10024	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/Thomas J. Etergino as Attorney-in-Fact for Karen P. Robards 08/15/2005

__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) The shares of Preferred Stock convert on a 1-for-1 basis into Common Stock upon the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering.
- (2) Warrants expire on August 10, 2006 (one year from the date of the Issuer's initial public offering).
- (3) Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on March 29, 2002 (one year from the date of grant).

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