

HILLER NORBERT
Form 4
September 05, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HILLER NORBERT

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O CREE, INC., 4600 SILICON
DRIVE**

(Street)

DURHAM, NC 27703

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CREE INC [CREE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/04/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
X 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
COMMON STOCK	09/04/2012		A ⁽¹⁾	10,000 A \$ 0	33,210 ⁽²⁾	D	
COMMON STOCK					722 ⁽³⁾	I	BY SPOUSE

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 (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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 27.77	09/04/2012		A		40,000		09/04/2013 ⁽⁴⁾	09/04/2019	COMMON STOCK
NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY)	\$ 27.77	09/04/2012		A		1,200		09/04/2013 ⁽⁵⁾	09/04/2019	COMMON STOCK

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HILLER NORBERT C/O CREE, INC. 4600 SILICON DRIVE DURHAM, NC 27703	EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Signatures

Norbert Hiller 09/05/2012

__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) Restricted stock award vesting in four equal annual installments commencing September 1, 2013.
- (2) Includes 964 shares purchased by Mr. Hiller on April 30, 2012 under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Includes shares purchased by Mr. Hiller's spouse under the Cree, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as follows: 223 shares on October 31, 2011 and 318 shares on April 30, 2012.
- (4) Option vests as to 13,334 shares on September 4, 2013 and as to 13,333 shares on September 4, 2014 and September 4, 2015.
- (5) Option vests in three equal annual installments commencing September 4, 2013.

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