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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading LUX ANDREW L Issuer Symbol AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify **6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE** 12/27/2012 below) V.P. & Chief Operating Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecurities	Acquired, Dispose	d of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securition(A) or Dis	sposed of	Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, 4) Amount	(A) or	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/27/2012		A	10,000	A \$	20,000	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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year	(Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share	
Stock Option (right to	\$ 6.73	12/27/2012		A	20,000	12/27/2013(2)	12/27/2022	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

LUX ANDREW L 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069

V.P. & Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

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/s/ Andrew L. 01/04/2013 Lux

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The Reporting Person acquired these shares pursuant to a Restricted Stock Award under the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares will vest 25% annually over four years from date of grant.
- (2) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares one year from the date of grant, and the remaining 75% thereafter vests and is exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.
- (3) Not applicable

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