

Van Kooten Bryce Chad  
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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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(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   |   |
| Van Kooten Bryce Chad<br>(Last) (First) (Middle) |         | 05/21/2010                           | USA TRUCK INC [USAK]   |   |
| 3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD                        |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |
| (Street)   |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)   |   |
| VAN BUREN, AR 72956                              |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer<br>(give title below) | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(specify below)<br>Vice President, Sales  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)                                |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

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

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 20,976   | 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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|
|   | Date Exercisable  | Title  |  |   |  |

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|                             |                           | Expiration<br>Date |              | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |          | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/05/2009                | 05/05/2011         | Common Stock | 1,600                            | \$ 11.47 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/01/2009 <sup>(1)</sup> | 04/01/2014         | Common Stock | 6,800                            | \$ 22.54 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/01/2015         | Common Stock | 241                              | \$ 14.18 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/01/2015         | Common Stock | 323                              | \$ 13.88 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/01/2015         | Common Stock | 300                              | \$ 14.5  | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2010 <sup>(2)</sup> | 08/01/2015         | Common Stock | 411                              | \$ 11.19 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/01/2016         | Common Stock | 214                              | \$ 12.21 | D                                | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/01/2011 <sup>(3)</sup> | 08/01/2016         | Common Stock | 133                              | \$ 18.58 | D                                | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Van Kooten Bryce Chad<br>3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD<br>VAN BUREN, AR 72956 | Â             | Â         | Â Vice President, Sales | Â     |

## Signatures

Bryce C. Van Kooten, by Darron R. Ming, attorney-in-fact pursuant to a Power of Attorney filed herewith

05/27/2010

\_\_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 stock option shares began vesting on April 1, 2008 and will continue to vest in increments of 1,700 shares per year through and including April 1, 2012. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of 1,700 shares beginning on April 1, 2011 and continuing through and including April 1, 2014.

(2) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2010 and continuing through and including August 1, 2012. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2013 and continuing through and including August 1, 2015.

(3) The stock option shares will vest in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2011 and continuing through and including August 1, 2013. The stock option shares expire in annual increments of one-third beginning on August 1, 2014 and continuing through and including August 1, 2016.

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