

AtriCure, Inc.  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JOHNSTON RICHARD M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1200

(Street)

BALTIMORE, MD 21202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/21/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V Amount or Price (A) or (D)			
Common Stock	05/21/2009		A	4,844	A	\$ 0 (1) 4,844	D	
Common Stock						969,225	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP (2)
Common Stock						57,496	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic

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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.58	05/21/2009		A	10,000	05/21/2010 <sup>(4)</sup> 05/21/2019	Common Stock 10,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSTON RICHARD M 500 EAST PRATT STREET, SUITE 1200 BALTIMORE, MD 21202		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Julie A. Piton as Attorney-in-Fact for Richard M. Johnston  
05/26/2009

\*\*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 shares awarded pursuant to the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan for services as a director. The shares will cliff vest and be released on May 21, 2010.
- (2) Mr. Johnston is a managing member of Camden Partners Holdings, LLC, which provides investment and management advisory services to Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP. Mr. Johnston disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by this entity, except as to

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his pecuniary interest therein.

- Mr. Johnston is a managing member of Camden Partners Holdings, LLC, which provides investment and management advisory services to Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-B, LP. Mr. Johnston disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by this entity, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3)

- Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 33.33% per annum commencing on the earlier of (i) the anniversary of the date of grant (May 21) and (ii) the date on which the Company's annual meeting of stockholders is held that year, provided Mr. Johnston is a director immediately prior to such annual meeting.
- (4)

- (5) Not applicable.

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