LITHIA MOTORS INC

Form 4

March 11, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

(City)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
GRAY R BRADFORD

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/10/2008

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) **Executive Vice President**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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MEDFORD, OR 97501

360 E. JACKSON ST.

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

_X__ Director

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

Class A Common

45,712

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number Securities Acquired or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	e (A) ed of	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount of Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.38	03/10/2008		A	14,000		03/10/2012	03/09/2014	Class A Common	14,000
Class B Common	\$ 0						<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Class A Common	278,978
Stock Option (1999) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5						01/01/2004	01/01/2009	Class A Common	6,060
Stock Option (1999b) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.5						01/01/2005	01/01/2009	Class A Common	1,940
Stock Option (2000) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75						01/06/2005	01/06/2010	Class A Common	3,941
Stock Option (2000b) (ISO) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75						<u>(2)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	15,949
Stock Option (2000c) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 16.75						<u>(3)</u>	01/06/2010	Class A Common	8,110

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Stock Option (2001iso) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24	12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	5,197
Stock Option (2002iso) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13	12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	6,609
Stock Option (2002nq) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13	12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	5,391
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42	03/11/2009	03/11/2010	Class A Common	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 27.58	02/09/2010	02/09/2011	Class A Common	14,001
Stock Option (2001) (NQ) (right to buy)	\$ 1	12/26/2005	12/26/2010	Class A Common	12,000
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24	12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	6,803
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.67	03/10/2011	03/10/2012	Class A Common	14,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.34	03/09/2012	03/09/2013	Class A Common	14,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GRAY R BRADFORD 360 E. JACKSON ST. MEDFORD, OR 97501

Executive Vice President

Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in Fact for 03/11/2008

**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) Class B Common converts to Class A Common on a 1:1 ratio at holder's discretion.

X

- (2) The options vest as follows: 3,498 on 12/31/00; 3,498 on 1/6/01; and 4,894 on 1/6/02.
- (3) The options vest as to 50% of total grant on 3rd anniversary of grant date and remaining 50% on 4th anniversary date.

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