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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 *

Strong Stewart W

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

12/05/2007

AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]

4. Relationship of Reporting

(Check all applicable)

Vice President, U.S. Sales

Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6033 SCHUMACHER PARK **DRIVE**

(Street)

Director _X__ Officer

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

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

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

WEST CHESTER, OHÂ 45069

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Ownership Form:

(Instr. 5)

SEC 1473 (7-02)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Direct (D) or Indirect (I)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially

owned directly or indirectly.

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1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title

3. Title and Amount of

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Price of

4.

5. Conversion or Exercise Form of Derivative

6. Nature of Indirect Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Exercisable Expiration

Date

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Security: Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

						(Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	10/01/2004(1)	10/01/2013	Common Stock	5,263	\$ 1.52	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	04/06/2006(2)	04/06/2015	Common Stock	3,026	\$ 11.63	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/05/2006(3)	08/05/2015	Common Stock	2,631	\$ 12	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/08/2007(4)	02/08/2016	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 11.06	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/06/2007(5)	09/06/2016	Common Stock	29,080	\$ 6.34	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/06/2007(6)	12/06/2016	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 9.7	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	06/20/2008(7)	06/20/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 9.5	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
· F · · · S · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Strong Stewart W			Vice			
6033 SCHUMACHER PARK DRIVE	Â	Â	President,	Â		
WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			U.S. Sales			

Signatures

/s/ Stewart W.
Strong

_**Signature of Reporting Person

12/10/2007

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) Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on October 1, 2004 (one year from the date of grant).
- (2) Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on April 6, 2006 (one year from the date of grant).
- (3) Exercisable cumulatively at a rate of 25% per annum commencing on August 5, 2006 (one year from the date of grant).
- (4) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on February 8, 2007 (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.
- (5) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on September 6, 2007 (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.
- (6) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on December 6, 2007 (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.
- (7) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on June 20, 2008 (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.

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