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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC] Wade M. Andrew (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2012 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) **6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE** (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) WEST CHESTER, OHÂ 45069 Form filed by More than One Vice President, Finance Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 5,820 (1) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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 $Table\ II\ -\ Derivative\ Securities\ Beneficially\ Owned\ (\textit{e.g.},\ puts,\ calls,\ warrants,\ options,\ convertible\ securities)$

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

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	12/05/2008(2)	12/05/2017	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 11.65	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/10/2010(2)	02/10/2019	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 1.5	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/09/2012(2)	02/09/2021	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 11.2	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	10/25/2013(2)	10/25/2022	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 6.27	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Wade M. Andrew 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE	Â	Â	Vice President,	â	
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WEST CHESTER, OH 45069			Finance		

Signatures

/s/ M. Andrew Wade	11/05/2012		
**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) Includes 4,500 shares of unvested restricted stock awarded under the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (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.

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