

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
Form 4  
March 14, 2006

**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**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GANIM LINDA

(Last) (First) (Middle)

360 E. JACKSON ST.

(Street)

MEDFORD, OR 97501

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
LITHIA MOTORS INC [LAD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/10/2006

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) below)

Chief Accounting Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Class A Common					1,206	D	
Class A Common					33	I	By 401(k)

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.67	03/10/2006		A		1,002		03/10/2011	03/10/2012	Class A Common	1,002
Stock Option (2002iso) (right to buy)	\$ 15.13							12/26/2007	12/26/2012	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 29.42							03/11/2009	03/11/2010	Class A Common	2,400
Stock Option (2001nq) (right to buy)	\$ 19.24							12/26/2006	12/26/2011	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.69							(1)	07/05/2010	Class A Common	2,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.81							12/26/2005	12/26/2010	Class A Common	2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GANIM LINDA  
360 E. JACKSON ST.  
MEDFORD, OR 97501

Chief Accounting Officer

## Signatures

By: Cliff E. Spencer, Attorney in  
Fact for

03/13/2006

\_\_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) Beginning on the 1st anniversary of the grant date, the options vest as to 20% of the total grant on each of the 1st through the 5th anniversaries.

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