

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>JOHNSTON RICHARD M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) 500 EAST PRATT STREET SUITE 1200  (Street) BATIMORE MD 21202  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AtriCure, Inc. [ ATRC ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/04/2011	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/04/2011		S		10,548	D	\$10.0756 <sup>(1)</sup>	872,736	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	03/04/2011		S		626	D	\$10.0756 <sup>(2)</sup>	51,772	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-B, LP <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	03/07/2011		S		1,475	D	\$10.0738 <sup>(5)</sup>	871,261	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-A, LP <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock	03/07/2011		S		87	D	\$10.0738 <sup>(6)</sup>	51,685	I	Held by Camden Partners Strategic Fund II-B, LP <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								11,658	I	Held by Camden Partners Holdings, LLC <sup>(7)</sup>

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Prices range from \$10.05 per share to \$10.12 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide full pricing information if requested by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer.

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3. 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 his pecuniary interest therein.
4. 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.
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7. Mr. Johnston is a managing member of Camden Partners Holdings, LLC. Mr. Johnston disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by this entity, except as to his pecuniary interest therein.

/s/ Julie A. Piton as Attorney-  
in-Fact for Richard M.                      03/08/2011  
Johnston

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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