

Strong Stewart W  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Strong Stewart W		(Month/Day/Year)	AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/05/2007		
6033 SCHUMACHER PARK DRIVE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			Vice President, U.S. Sales	
WEST CHESTER,Â OHÂ	45069			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

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

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(Instr. 5)

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

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ Stewart W. Strong 12/10/2007

\*\*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) 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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