SPEED JAMES B

Form 4

January 06, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPEED JAMES B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

(Middle)

USA TRUCK INC [USAK] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD

(Street)

(First)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2012

_X__ 10% Owner _X__ Director Officer (give title _ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

VAN BUREN, AR 72956

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	ally 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		4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	· · ·	
Common Stock	01/04/2012		G	V	25,000	D	\$0	896,049	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2012		G	V	25,000	A	\$ 0	204,652 (1)	I	By spouse
Common Stock	01/04/2012		G	V	3,250	D	\$0	892,799	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2012		G	V	3,250	A	\$0	17,669 (2)	I	By F. Alexander Speed Trust
Common Stock	01/04/2012		G	V	29,250	D	\$0	863,549	D	

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Common Stock	01/05/2012	G	V 6,500	A	\$0	857,049	D
Common	01/05/2012	G	V 3,250	D	\$0	853,799	D

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. Transac Code (Instr. 3	ctio	5. inNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Tit Amou Under Secur (Instr	int of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code	V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships								
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other					
SPEED JAMES B									
3200 INDUSTRIAL PARK ROAD	X	X							
VAN BUREN, AR 72956									

Signatures

/s/ James B. Speed, by Darron R. Ming, Attorney-in-fact pursuant to POA previously filed

01/06/2012

9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr

**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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by his spouse.

(2)

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Consists of shares held by a trust of which the reporting person's wife is trustee and the reporting person's daughter is sole primary beneficiary. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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