

WHETZEL CHARLES E JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WHETZEL CHARLES E JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1170 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 900  
(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30309

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CARTERS INC [CRI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2009

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)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	03/12/2009		A		5,000 (1)	A	(2) 343,420 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)**

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 3.08					<u>(3)</u> 08/15/2011	08/15/2011	Common Stock	389,
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 22.01					<u>(4)</u> 05/13/2015	05/13/2015	Common Stock	60,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 14.18					<u>(5)</u> 07/01/2018	07/01/2018	Common Stock	40,0
Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)	\$ 18.14	03/12/2009		A	20,000	03/12/2010 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/12/2019	Common Stock	20,0

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WHETZEL CHARLES E JR 1170 PEACHTREE STREET SUITE 900 ATLANTA, GA 30309			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Brendan M. Gibbons, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles E. Whetzel, Jr. 03/16/2009

        \*\*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).

These shares are subject to restrictions that lapse in four equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2010. However, as long as the

- (1) reporting person remains an employee of the issuer, the reporting person is subject to a policy of the Issuer under which the reporting person may not dispose of the shares until March 12, 2013.
- (2) Granted at no cost to the reporting person.
- (3) These options are all exercisable.
- (4) These options are time options exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 13, 2006.
- (5) These options are time options exercisable in four equal installments beginning on July 1, 2009.
- (6) These time options are exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on March 12, 2010.

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