SPEED JAMES B
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 *
SPEED JAMES B

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2323 SOUTH 40TH

(Street)

FORT SMITH, AR 72903

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
USA TRUCK INC [USAK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/03/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
__X__ Director
_____ Officer (give title below)
__X__ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ 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	01/03/2005		G[(1)]		27,040	D	$ 0 [(2)]	1,456,602	D	
Common Stock	01/03/2005		G[(1)]		1,175	A	$ 0 [(3)]	1,175	I	By minor living in household
Common Stock	01/03/2005		G[(1)]		11,765	A	$ 0 [(4)]	142,218	I	By spouse

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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)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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 2323 SOUTH 40TH FORT SMITH, AR 72903	X	X		

Signatures

Craig S. Shelly, Attorney-in-fact	01/05/2005
**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) Voluntary report

(2) These shares were disposed of by the reporting person through bona fide gifts.

(3) These shares were disposed of by the reporting person as a bona fide gift to a minor living in the reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares which are owned by the minor child.

(4) These shares were disposed of by the reporting person as a bona fide gift to the reporting person's spouse. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares which are owned by his spouse.

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