

STOVALL DAVID H JR
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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 *
 STOVALL DAVID H JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 STEIN MART INC [SMRT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/02/2009

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 President and CEO

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
				Code	V			
Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase)	\$ 1.28	01/02/2009	A	200,000	01/02/2011 ⁽¹⁾	01/02/2016	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
STOVALL DAVID H JR 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD. JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207			President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ David H. Stovall Jr. 01/05/2009

__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).

Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. One-third of the options vest on December 5 in each of the years 2009, 2010 (1) and 2011. No vested options may be exercised until January 2, 2011. Shares acquired on exercise of the options may not be sold until the earlier of (1) one year from the date of exercise, or (2) a change of control of the Company.

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