

RAY MICHAEL D
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FORM 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RAY MICHAEL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O STEIN MART INC, 1200
RIVERPLACE BLVD

(Street)

JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
SVP, Stores

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	03/21/2006		A ⁽¹⁾		7,890	A	\$ 17.43
							17,578
							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. 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (to purchase)	\$ 17.43	03/21/2006		A	34,400	(2) 03/21/2013	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	34,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RAY MICHAEL D C/O STEIN MART INC 1200 RIVERPLACE BLVD JACKSONVILLE, FL 32207			SVP, Stores	

Signatures

/s/ Michael D.
Ray 03/23/2006

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Restricted shares acquired pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. The shares cliff vest 100% on the seventh anniversary of the grant, unless the Company meets certain earnings per share targets through the end of 2008, in which case the shares will vest 100% on the second anniversary of the grant.
- (2) Granted pursuant to Stein Mart, Inc. 2001 Omnibus Plan. The options have a 7 year term and vest 33% at third anniversary, 33% at fourth anniversary and 34% at fifth anniversary.

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