HITCHCOCK WILLIAM M

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HITCHCOCK WILLIAM M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Middle)

THORATEC CORP [THOR] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

05/02/2005

(Check all applicable)

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

(Street)

(First)

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

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

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

Person

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common 05/02/2005 Stock

M 1,875 11.625

390,540

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	ecı
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or No of Sh
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.625	05/02/2005		M	1,875	05/12/2000(1)	05/12/2005	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HITCHCOCK WILLIAM M 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X					

Signatures

/s/D. Keith Grossman, Attorney-In-Fact

05/03/2005

**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) This option is 100% vested on the grant date.
- (2) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans as a non-qualified option with no payment received for the option.

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