

Burbach Gerhard F  
Form 4  
July 05, 2012

**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 \*  
Burbach Gerhard F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

THORATEC CORP [THOR]

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

07/02/2012

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)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|---|
|                                 |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount (A) or (D)                                                                             | Price                                                    |                                                       |         |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/02/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>            |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 3,822                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 34.0222                                            | 138,938 | D |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | <sup>(2)</sup>                                        |         |   |
| Common Stock                    | 07/03/2012 <sup>(1)</sup>            |                                                    | S                              |                                                                   | 3,400                                                                                         | D                                                        | \$ 34.0003                                            | 135,538 | D |
|                                 |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   |                                                                                               |                                                          | <sup>(3)</sup>                                        |         |   |

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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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D)<br>(Instr. 3,<br>4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Own<br>Follo<br>Repor<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
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|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date                                                        | Title                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Burbach Gerhard F<br>6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE<br>PLEASANTON, CA 94588 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

Gerhard F.  
Burbach

07/05/2012

\_\_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) Shares of Common Stock sold pursuant to a Sales Plan established by the Reporting Person on February 28, 2012, which Sales Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$34.00 to \$34.04. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

- (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades in prices ranging from \$34.00 to \$34.01. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The Reporting Person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the Issuer, or a stockholder of the Issuer, information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

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