

AVOCENT CORP  
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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 \*  
THORNTON STEPHEN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4991 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/08/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 157,065   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 49,248  | I  | Spouse  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/08/2006                           |  | S                              | 70,000 D  | \$ 33.69 70,422   | I  | GP of LP  |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 26.94   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/02/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 05/02/2010                     | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 52.44   |                                      |  |                                |   | 09/18/2000 <sup>(2)</sup> 09/18/2010                     | Common Stock  | 225,000                       |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 22.36   |                                      |  |                                |   | 05/25/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 05/25/2011                     | Common Stock  | 60,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 21.77   |                                      |  |                                |   | 04/15/2002 <sup>(4)</sup> 04/15/2012                     | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 27.25   |                                      |  |                                |   | 03/07/2003 <sup>(4)</sup> 03/07/2013                     | Common Stock  | 30,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 40.98   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/05/2004 <sup>(4)</sup> 02/05/2014                     | Common Stock  | 10,000                        |
| Options (rights to buy)                    | \$ 26.14   |                                      |  |                                |   | 06/30/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 06/30/2015                     | Common Stock  | 4,200                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| THORNTON STEPHEN F<br>4991 CORPORATE DRIVE<br>HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Stephen F  
Thornton

02/21/2006

    Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant date, 50% vest and become exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date and 25% on each grant date anniversary for the following two years.
- (2) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following 24 months and 5% vests every three months for the final 12 months.
- (3) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for final 10 quarters. The vesting of unvested options priced greater than \$25.00 accelerated and became exercisable on December 25, 2005.
- (4) Grant date, option vest and become exercisable in 24 monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant. The vesting of unvested options priced greater than \$25.00 accelerated and became exercisable on December 25, 2005.
- (5) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

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