

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N V
 Form 3
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BROWN ERIC | | (Month/Day/Year) | ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N V [OFIX] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 12/02/2009 | |
| 800 BOYLSTON STREET, Â PRUDENTIAL TOWER | | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| (Street) | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| BOSTON, Â MA Â 02199 | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | President, Spinal Stimulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 5,000 | D | Â |
| Common Stock | 1,522 | I | Irrevocable Trust |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(1)</u> | 10/04/2014 | Common Stock | 9,000 | \$ 34.81 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(2)</u> | 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 43.04 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(3)</u> | 06/30/2016 | Common Stock | 12,500 | \$ 38.11 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(4)</u> | 06/29/2017 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 44.97 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(5)</u> | 06/30/2018 | Common Stock | 19,000 | \$ 28.95 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(6)</u> | 11/21/2018 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 10.42 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(7)</u> | 03/11/2019 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 13.45 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(8)</u> | 06/30/2019 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 25.01 | D | Â |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | Â <u>(9)</u> | 07/25/2019 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$ 23.58 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN ERIC 800 BOYLSTON STREET PRUDENTIAL TOWER BOSTON, MA 02199 | Â | Â | Â President, Spinal Stimulation | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Emily Buxton, by power of attorney
12/11/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of October 4, 2004.
- (2) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2005.

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- (3) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2006.
- (4) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 29, 2007.
- (5) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2008.
- (6) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of November 11, 2008.
- (7) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of March 11, 2009.
- (8) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2009.
- (9) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of July 25, 2009.

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