

Alberto-Culver CO  
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# FORM 4

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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 \*  
HARRIS KING W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

200 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE

(Street)

CHICAGO, IL 60606

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

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

12/09/2010

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M		27,663	A	\$ 11.5103
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M		9,221	A	\$ 13.9192
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Common Stock	12/09/2010		M		9,221	A	\$ 21.8486
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M		9,221	A	\$ 18.0422
Common Stock	12/09/2010		M		4,875	A	\$ 23.1
					61,705		
					70,926		
					80,147		
					85,022		

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Common  
Stock

Common Stock 12/09/2010 S 69,422 D \$ 37.28 15,600 D <sup>(3)</sup>

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
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.5103	12/09/2010		M	27,663	<u>(1)</u> 07/24/2012	Common Stock	27,663
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.9192	12/09/2010		M	9,221	<u>(1)</u> 01/22/2013	Common Stock	9,221
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.873	12/09/2010		M	9,221	<u>(1)</u> 01/21/2014	Common Stock	9,221
Director Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 21.8486	12/09/2010		M	9,221	<u>(1)</u> 01/26/2015	Common Stock	9,221
Director Stock Option	\$ 18.0422	12/09/2010		M	9,221	<u>(1)</u> 01/25/2016	Common Stock	9,221

(Right to Buy)

Director  
Stock

Option	\$ 23.1	12/09/2010	M	4,875	(2)	01/24/2017	Common Stock	4,875
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(Right to Buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

HARRIS KING W 200 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE CHICAGO, IL 60606	X
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## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for King Harris	12/10/2010
**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 fully vested.
- (2) This option became exercisable in four equal annual increments beginning on 1/24/2008.
- (3) The Common Stock was sold at a low price of \$37.28, a high price of \$37.2875 and an average price of \$37.28.

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