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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DANNER ERNIE L | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2006 | _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | |
| (Street) HOUSTON, TX 77041 | 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 | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi n(A) or D (Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D) | 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, par value \$0.01 | 12/28/2005 | | G V | 125 | D | \$ 0 | 66,113 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | 01/01/2006 | | F | 2,215 | D | \$ 41.12 | 63,898 (1) | 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)

| 1. Title of | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amoun | t of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underly | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | Or Number | | |
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| | | | | C + V | (A) (D) | | | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Other Director 10% Owner Officer

DANNER ERNIE L

4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD X Exec VP & Pres, Int'l Division

HOUSTON, TX 77041

Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-Fact for Ernie L. 01/04/2006 Danner

> **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).
- Includes 810 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan, 4,039 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (of which 289 of these are held directly) and 975 shares through the 401(k) Plan.

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