

McCormick Jeff M
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â McCormick Jeff M		(Month/Day/Year)	THORATEC CORP [THOR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
PLEASANTON,Â CAÂ 94588			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			Principal Financial Officer	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<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)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

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Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	07/07/2004 ⁽¹⁾	07/07/2013	Common Stock	3,015	\$ 16.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/14/2004 ⁽²⁾	04/14/2014	Common Stock	15,310	\$ 12.45	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCormick Jeff M 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	Â	Â	Â	Principal Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/D. Keith Grossman,
Attorney-In-Fact

01/27/2005

__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) Shares vest 25% per year over four years commencing one year after option grant date.
- (2) Shares vest in six equal installments over three years commencing six months after option grant date.

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