

COLE J DANIEL
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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 *
COLE J DANIEL

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/06/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M	2,500	A \$ 8.875	38,125	D
Common Stock	05/06/2008		M	1,875	A \$ 13.65	40,000	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. An or Nu of Sh
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 8.875	05/06/2008		M	2,500	11/18/2003 ⁽¹⁾ 05/18/2008	Common Stock	2
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 13.65	05/06/2008		M	1,875	05/29/2003 ⁽²⁾ 05/29/2008	Common Stock	1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COLE J DANIEL 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman,
Attorney-In-Fact

05/07/2008

**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 vested 100% after 6 months from the date of grant.
- (2) This option vested 100% on the grant date.
- (3) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive stock plans as a non-qualified option with no payment received for the option.

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