

SMITH A O CORP  
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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 \*  
MARTIN DENNIS J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENERAL BINDING CORPORATION, ONE GBC PLAZA

(Street)

NORTHBROOK,, IL 60062

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/01/2005

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code V Amount (D) Price   |  |                                   |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities | 8. Price of Derivative |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---|--|------------------------|
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| Security (Instr. 3)                | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | Security (Instr. 5) |                 |              |                            |      |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|------|
|                                    |  |                      | Code            | V  | (A)              | (D)              | Date Exercisable    | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |      |
| Phantom Stock Award <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 28.81                                 | 04/01/2005           | J               |  | 695              |                  | <u>(2)</u>          | <u>(2)</u>      | Common Stock | 695                        | \$ 0 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MARTIN DENNIS J<br>GENERAL BINDING CORPORATION<br>ONE GBC PLAZA<br>NORTHBROOK,, IL 60062 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Dennis J. Martin  
 04/05/2005  
 \*\*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) Payment of portion of retainer in phantom stock under the A. O. Smith Corporation Directors' Compensation Plan based on the market price of the Common Stock on April 1, 2005.
- (2) The Plan (See Footnote #1) permits the participant/recipient to defer the receipt of the award, and Mr. Martin has made a deferral.

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