

Lauber Charles T
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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 *
 Lauber Charles T

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH
 CORPORATION, 11270 WEST
 PARK PLACE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/02/2017

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Strategy & Corporate Dev.

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(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: Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/02/2017		M	4,660 A \$ 30.765	26,240	D	
Common Stock	11/02/2017		M	2,934 A \$ 31.67	29,174	D	
Common Stock	11/02/2017		S	7,594 D \$ 59.8452	21,580	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 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
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.765	11/02/2017		M	4,660	<u>(1)</u> 02/09/2025	Common Stock	4,660
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.67	11/02/2017		M	2,934	<u>(2)</u> 02/08/2026	Common Stock	2,934

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Lauber Charles T A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			SVP, Strategy & Corporate Dev.	

Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Charles T. Lauber
 11/03/2017
 **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) The employee stock options were granted on 02/09/2015 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/09/2016.

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- (2) The employee stock options were granted on 02/08/2016 under the A. O. Smith Combined Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on 02/08/2017.

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