

AVOCENT 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 *
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

4991 CORPORATE DRIVE

(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
07/25/2005

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)
Senior VP, Engineering

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	07/25/2005		M	40,000 A \$ 21.77	41,000	D	
Common Stock	07/25/2005		S	40,000 D \$ 34.34	1,000	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)

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.44					09/18/2000 ⁽¹⁾	09/18/2010	Common Stock	175,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾	03/07/2013	Common Stock	40,000
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾	02/05/2014	Common Stock	30,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾	08/19/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Options (right to buy)	\$ 21.77	07/25/2005		M	40,000	04/15/2002 ⁽²⁾	04/15/2012	Common Stock	40,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾	06/30/2015	Common Stock	7,200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

Senior VP, Engineering

Signatures

Samuel F. Saracino as attorney-in-fact for Christopher L Thomas

07/27/2005

**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) Grant date, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following twelve months and 5% vests every three months for the final 12 months.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for final 10 quarters.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

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