

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 BELLANTI JOHN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC [AXL]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 ONE DAUCH DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP-Engineering & CTO

DETROIT, MI 48211-1198

(City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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		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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	03/15/2006		A		3,600	A	\$ 0	7,100	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	11	03/15/2006		A	2,400	(2)(4) 03/15/2016	Common Stock	2,400
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.58	03/15/2006		A	10,000	(4) 03/15/2016	Common Stock	10,000

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
BELLANTI JOHN J ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211-1198	Director 10% Owner Officer Other VP-Engineering & CTO

**Signatures**

Patrick S. Lancaster,  
Attorney-in-fact

03/15/2006

     \*\*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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be converted and distributed to the reporting person in cash equal to the then current market value of one share of AAM common stock, subject to tax withholdings.
 

The restricted stock units will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date, unless vesting is accelerated at the end of the third or fourth
- (2) year of the grant. Accelerated vesting will be contingent upon the Company's achievement of pre-determined performance goals, measured by total stockholder return (TSR) as compared to the TSR of the Company's competitor peer group.
- (3) Includes 2,000 restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2005 under the same terms as described in footnotes 1 and 2 above.
- (4) The options vest in three approximately equal annual installments beginning March 15, 2007.

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