

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC  
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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 \*  
**TOWNSEND KIRK E**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**07/29/2005**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr VP and Pres US Div**

**HOUSTON, TX 77041**

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005		M		3,708 A \$ 6.73	30,310 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005		M		13,332 A \$ 16.71	43,642 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005		M		14,286 A \$ 21.5	57,928 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	M	35,000	A	\$ 21.3	92,928 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	500	D	\$ 40.67	92,428 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	126	D	\$ 40.68	92,302 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 40.65	91,302 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	2,900	D	\$ 40.6	88,402 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 40.61	87,002 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 40.64	86,002 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	2,400	D	\$ 40.63	83,602 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	19,900	D	\$ 40.55	63,702 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	4,300	D	\$ 40.54	59,402 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 40.57	57,902 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
	07/29/2005	S	1,300	D		56,602 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share					\$ 40.56		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 40.58	55,402 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	300	D	\$ 40.5	55,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	500	D	\$ 40.49	54,602 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	6,500	D	\$ 40.44	48,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 40.43	45,902 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	700	D	\$ 40.41	45,202 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	2,600	D	\$ 40.4	42,602 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	4,200	D	\$ 40.34	38,402 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	300	D	\$ 40.35	38,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/29/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 40.37	36,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
	07/29/2005	S	2,000	D		34,102 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

Common  
Stock, par  
value \$0.01  
per share

\$  
40.39

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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.73	07/29/2005		M	3,708	05/30/2000 02/20/2008		Common Stock	3,708
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.71	07/29/2005		M	13,332	03/10/2004 03/10/2013		Common Stock	13,332
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.5	07/29/2005		M	14,286	04/20/2001 04/20/2010		Common Stock	14,286
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.3	07/29/2005		M	35,000	02/19/2003 02/19/2012		Common Stock	35,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
			Sr VP and Pres US Div	

TOWNSEND KIRK E  
4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD  
HOUSTON, TX 77041

## Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-Fact for Kirk E.  
Townsend

08/02/2005

\_\_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) Includes 323 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan and 912 shares through the 401(k) Plan.

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