

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS 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 *
 ZENTMYER HUGH J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

 (Street)

 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/16/2004
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President
 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 (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)	Price		
Common Stock (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	12/16/2004		F	2,745 D	\$ 91.98	35,384	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 30.125	12/08/1995		A	24,000	12/08/1996	12/08/2005	Common Stock	24,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 55.875	12/15/2000		A	60,000	12/15/2001	12/15/2010	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 62.25	12/14/2001		A	50,000	12/14/2002	12/14/2011	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁶⁾	\$ 94.26	12/10/2004		A	40,000	12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ZENTMYER HUGH J			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Hugh J. Zentmyer by S. S. Hudnut, Sr. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary Attorney-In-Fact
 POA on File 12/17/2004

**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 grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2003, 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005.
- (2) Includes Grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006
- (3) Includes 418 shares held in Hugh J. Zentmyer Revocable Trust - Hugh J. Zentmyer Trustee
- (4) Includes 7,797 shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan as of 12/8/2004.
- (5) Includes 325 shares held in a trust of which I am the Trustee and in which a member of my immediate family has a pecuniary interest.

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(6) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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