

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Johnson David T.  
 (Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200  
 (Street)  
 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 [AVD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/30/2014

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)  
 See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 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)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 11.49	12/30/2014	A		7,517		12/30/2017 <sup>(1)</sup>	12/30/2024	Common Stock	7,517
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 11.49	12/30/2014	A		7,517		12/30/2017 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/30/2024	Common Stock	7,517

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Johnson David` T. 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, STE 1200 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660				See Remarks

## Signatures

DAVID T.  
JOHNSON

01/02/2015

\*\*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) These stock options are exercisable in full on December 30, 2017, provided reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer through that date.
- (2) These stock options are exercisable in full on December 30, 2017, provided i) reporting person is continuously employed by the issuer through that date and ii) the Company meets certain financial metrics over the period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, including, the relative growth of its earnings before income tax ("EBIT") compared to the median growth of EBIT of a certain group of industry peers (weighted at 50%), the relative growth of its net sales as compared to the median growth of net sales of that same group (weighted at 30%) and the relative growth of the fair market value of the Company's common stock as compared to the Russell 200 Index, weighted at 20%.

### Remarks:

Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

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