

BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H
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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 *
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

(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)
12/30/2005

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 Finance & CFO

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 | 12/30/2005 | | P | 307 ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 23.09 | 4,662 | 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 15.46 | | | | | 07/25/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 07/25/2012 | Common Stock | 31,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾ 03/07/2013 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 28.96 | | | | | 08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾ 08/19/2014 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾ 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 3,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | | | Senior VP Finance & CFO | |

Signatures

Edward H.
Blankenship 01/05/2006

**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) Grant date, options vest over four years, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% quarterly over the remaining 12 quarters.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for the final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (4) Shares purchased under the Avocent Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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