

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
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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 \*  
**CROFT JAMES III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/15/2006

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Chief Tech Officer & VP Dev

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/15/2006		M		1,700	A	\$ 3 1,750	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S		1,000	D	\$ 4.1015 750	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/15/2006		S		700	D	\$ 4.11 50	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006		M		8,500	A	\$ 3 8,550	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006		S		300	D	\$ 4.08 8,250	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 4.05	7,250	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	6,000	D	\$ 3.99	1,250	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 4.01	1,150	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	400	D	\$ 4	750	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S	650	D	\$ 3.9517	50	D <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	02/17/2006	M	2,000	A	\$ 3	2,050	D <sup>(1)</sup>

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3	02/15/2006		M	1,700	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/20/2006	Common Stock	1,700
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3	02/16/2006		M	8,500	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/20/2006	Common Stock	8,500
Employee Stock	\$ 3	02/17/2006		M	2,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 02/20/2006	Common Stock	2,000

Option  
(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROFT JAMES III 13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH SAN DIEGO, CA 92128			Chief Tech Officer & VP Dev	

## Signatures

/s/ James Croft  
III 02/17/2006

     \*\*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) The option and the shares acquired upon exercise are subject to a domestic relations order. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares subject to and acquired upon exercise of the option except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Grant to reporting person on February 20, 2001 of an option to purchase 30,000 shares. The option vested as to 1/8 of the shares in equal quarterly installments over two years beginning on April 1, 2001.

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