

AVOCENT CORP
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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 *
Copperman Harold D

(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)
05/21/2008

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 05/21/2008 | | A | 500 ⁽⁴⁾ A | \$ 0 22,274 ⁽³⁾ | 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) | \$ 20 | | | | | 10/31/2002 ⁽¹⁾ 10/31/2012 | Common Stock | 30,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽¹⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 10,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005 ⁽²⁾ 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 4,200 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Copperman Harold D 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | | X | | |

Signatures

Richard K Hempstead Attorney-in-fact for Harold D Copperman 05/23/2008

**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, exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning one month from grant date.

(2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

(3) These include time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 3,000 shares vest on January 1, 2010.

These are performance-based restricted shares granted on May 21, 2008. The shares vest when a CEO elected by the Avocent

(4) Corporation Board of Directors takes office and commences employment with one half to first on the first anniversary of that date and the remaining one half to vest on the second anniversary of that date.

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