

GARDNER TIMOTHY J
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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 *
 GARDNER TIMOTHY 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)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS
 INC., 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2012

GLENVIEW, IL 60026

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price (A) or (D)		
Common Stock	02/14/2012		M		5,420 A \$ 35.12	12,125	D
Common Stock	02/14/2012		S		5,420 D \$ 55.72 (1)	6,705	D
Common Stock	02/14/2012		M		12,166 A \$ 43.64	18,871	D
Common Stock	02/14/2012		S		12,166 D \$ 55.72 (1)	6,705	D

Common Stock	2,341	I	See Footnote (2)
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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of
Employee Stock Option	\$ 47.13					12/10/2005 12/10/2014	Common Stock 4
Employee Stock Option	\$ 51.6					02/09/2008 02/09/2017	Common Stock 22
Employee Stock Option	\$ 48.51					02/08/2009 02/08/2018	Common Stock 25
Employee Stock Option	\$ 35.12	02/14/2012		M	5,420	02/13/2010 ⁽³⁾ 02/13/2019	Common Stock 5
Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0					⁽⁵⁾ ⁽⁵⁾	Common Stock 3
Qualifying Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0					⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock 2
Employee Stock Option	\$ 43.64	02/14/2012		M	12,166	02/12/2011 ⁽³⁾ 02/12/2020	Common Stock 12
Performance Restricted Stock Unit ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 0					⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock 5
Employee Stock Option	\$ 55.81					02/11/2012 ⁽³⁾ 02/11/2021	Common Stock 40
Performance Restricted	\$ 0					⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁶⁾	Common Stock 5

Stock Unit ⁽⁴⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GARDNER TIMOTHY J ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC. 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Timothy J. Gardner by Maria C. Green, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary,
Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

02/16/2012

__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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$55.72 to \$55.73. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Illinois Tool Works Inc. or a shareholder of Illinois Tool Works Inc. full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (1) Shares of common stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan--Information reported as of February 14, 2012.
- (2) Options vest in four (4) equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit (RSU), qualifying restricted stock unit (QRSU) and performance restricted stock unit (PRSU) represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (4) Each RSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant.
- (5) Each QRSU and PRSU vests 100% three years from the date of grant if performance goals are met.

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