

KUNKLE GARY K JR
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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 *
KUNKLE GARY K JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
DENTSPLY INTERNATIONAL INC /DE/ [(XRAY)]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2873 DEER CHASE LANE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/13/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
CHAIRMAN AND CEO

YORK, PA 17403
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 55.48	12/13/2005			A		52,791		12/13/2006	12/13/2015	Common Stock	52,791
Stock Option	\$ 55.48	12/13/2005			A		52,790		12/13/2007	12/13/2015	Common Stock	52,790
Stock Option	\$ 55.48	12/13/2005			A		52,791		12/13/2008	12/13/2015	Common Stock	52,791

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KUNKLE GARY K JR 2873 DEER CHASE LANE YORK, PA 17403	X		CHAIRMAN AND CEO	

Signatures

By: Brian M. Addison, Esquire,
POA for

12/19/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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