

THORATEC 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 *
HITCHCOCK WILLIAM M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/08/2007

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/08/2007		M		5,000	A	\$ 5.5
Common Stock	05/08/2007		M		1,875	A	\$ 9.43
					406,165		
					408,040		

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)
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							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
							Code	V (A) (D)		
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.5	05/08/2007		M	5,000	11/16/1997(2)	05/18/2007	Common Stock	5,000	
Non Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.43	05/08/2007		M	1,875	05/30/2002(1)	05/30/2007	Common Stock	1,875	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HITCHCOCK WILLIAM M 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman, Attorney-In-Fact	05/10/2007
**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) This option vests 100% at the time of grant.
 - (2) This option vests 100% after 6 months from the date of grant.
 - (3) Restricted stock was granted pursuant to the Company's 2006 Incentive Stock Plan with no payment received for the Restricted Stock.

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