SPOHN PATRICK J

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING **SPOHN PATRICK J** (Month/Day/Year) HOLDINGS INC [AXL] 01/01/2006 (First) (Middle) (Last) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) ONE DAUCH DRIVE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person DETROIT. MIÂ 48211-1198 (give title below) (specify below) _ Form filed by More than One VP & Controller Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 3. 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock 994 D Â Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/Year) | | ate Securities U Derivative | | nderlying | 4. Conversion or Exercise | Ownership Benefici | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | | | (Instr. 4) | | Price of | | |
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of | Derivative | Security: | |
| | | | | | Security | Direct (D) | |
| | | | | | | or Indirect | |

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| | | | | Shares | | (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------------|-----------------|--------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (1) | 01/23/2012 | Common Stock | 3,135 | \$ 24.15 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | 01/22/2013 | Common Stock | 6,700 | \$ 23.73 | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | (3) | 02/02/2014 | Common Stock | 8,500 | \$ 38.7 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|--|--|
| F | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| SPOHN PATRICK J ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT. MI 48211-1198 | Â | Â | VP & Controller | Â | | |

Signatures

Richard G. Raymond, attorney-in-fact 01/09/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 options are fully vested.
- (2) 3,400 options are fully vested; the remaining 3,300 options will vest on January 22, 2006.
- (3) The optios are fully vested.

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