

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 *
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L

(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)
02/19/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Chief Technology Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/19/2008		A		10,000 (5)	A	\$ 0 37,172 (4) 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 Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.44					09/18/2000 ⁽¹⁾		09/18/2010		Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 ⁽²⁾		03/07/2013		Common Stock
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 ⁽²⁾		02/05/2014		Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 ⁽²⁾		08/19/2014		Common Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 ⁽³⁾		06/30/2015		Common Stock
Performane-share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 0 ⁽⁶⁾	02/19/2008		A	16,250	02/19/2008 ⁽⁶⁾		02/19/2010		Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMAS CHRISTOPHER L 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			Chief Technology Officer	

Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in Fact for Christopher L
Thomas 02/21/2008

 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, 15% vests every 6 months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests every three months for the following twelve months and 5% vests every three months for the final 12 months.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for final 10 quarters. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.

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- (3) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.

Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 6,236 vest on January 1,

- (4) 2009. This also includes time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007: 2,652 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and 2,652 shares vest on January 1, 2010.

- (5) These are time-based restricted shares granted on February 19, 2008. These shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2009, one-third on January 1, 2010, and one-third on January 1, 2011.

- (6) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning January 1, 2008.

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