

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC  
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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 \*  
 DANNER ERNIE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO]

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/09/2005

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Exec VP & Pres, Latin America

HOUSTON, TX 77041  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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, par value \$0.01	03/09/2005		A		12,000	A	\$ 0
					100,091 <sup>(1)</sup>	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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.15	03/09/2005		A	22,000	03/09/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/09/2015	Common Stock	22,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DANNER ERNIE L 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77041	X		Exec VP & Pres, Latin America	

## Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-fact for Ernie L. Danner  
 03/11/2005  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 729 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan, 3,355 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (of which 289 of these are held directly) and 806 shares through the 401(k) Plan.
- (2) This option vests in three equal installments beginning 03/9/2006.

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