

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
Form 8-A12B  
February 28, 2006

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-A**

**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or organization)

**95-2588080**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**4695 MacArthur Court, Newport Beach, CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**92660**  
(Zip Code)

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box.  x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.  "

Securities Act Registration Statement file number to which this form relates (if applicable):

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

**Title of each class  
to be so registered**  
**Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share**

**Name of each exchange on which  
each class is to be registered**  
**New York Stock Exchange, Inc.**

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered**

This Registration Statement relates to the common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), of American Vanguard Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Registrant"). The Registrant's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (collectively, the "Certificate") provides that the Registrant may issue up to 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock. As of February 15, 2006, there are 21,143,773 shares of Common Stock issued (which includes 1,670,098 shares of Common Stock held in treasury). All outstanding shares of Common Stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

The Certificate also authorizes the Registrant to issue up to 400,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share. There are no shares of preferred stock issued or outstanding as of the date hereof.

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share held of record on all matters to be voted upon by the Registrant's stockholders and may not cumulate votes for the election of directors.

Holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends as may be declared from time to time by the Registrant's Board of Directors out of funds legally available for dividend payments. In the event of the Registrant's liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after full payment of all liabilities, holders of Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in all remaining assets.

The Common Stock has no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the Common Stock.

The Common Stock is currently listed on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "AVD".

**Item 2. Exhibits**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Registration Statement:

1. Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of American Vanguard Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference).
2. Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of American Vanguard Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-Q/A for the period ended June 30, 2004 and incorporated herein by reference).

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3. Amended and Restated Bylaws of American Vanguard Corporation (filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference).

4. Registrant's specimen stock certificate for the Common Stock (filed herewith).

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 28, 2006

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORPORATION

By: */s/* TIMOTHY J. DONNELLY  
Timothy J. Donnelly  
Vice President & General Counsel





