

AMPEX CORP /DE/
Form 4
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
TALCOTT JOEL D

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1228 DOUGLAS AVENUE
(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMPEX CORP /DE/ [AMPX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/15/2005

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)
Vice President

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		M		1,000	A	\$ 1.15 1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		23	D	\$ 31.52 1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		18	D	\$ 31.65 1,946	D
Class A Common	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾		100	D	\$ 31.67 1,946	D

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Stock								
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	82	D	\$ 31.68	1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	100	D	\$ 31.7	1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	77	D	\$ 31.71	1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	300	D	\$ 31.758	1,946	D
Class A Common Stock	08/15/2005		S ⁽¹⁾	300	D	\$ 31.9	1,946	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)

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	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.15	08/15/2005		M	1,000	10/07/2004	04/07/2007	Class A Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TALCOTT JOEL D 1228 DOUGLAS AVENUE REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063			Vice President	

Signatures

Joel D. Talcott 08/15/2005

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 24, 2005.
- (2) After giving effect to this exercise, the reporting person owns 28,500 options with the same exercise price and expiration date.

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