

BROWN RICHARD H  
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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 \*  
**BROWN RICHARD H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2455 PACES FERRY ROAD

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HOME DEPOT INC [HD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/24/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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The deferred stock rights represent dividend equivalents credited with respect to deferred stock rights previously acquired and reported under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. Both the dividend equivalents and deferred stock rights previously acquired and reported convert to shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the director's termination of service as a Board member, (ii) the date of the director's death, retirement or disability, or (iii) the date of a change in control of the Company.

- The deferred stock units represent dividend equivalents credited with respect to deferred stock units previously acquired and reported.
- (2) Both the dividend and the deferred stock units previously acquired and reported convert to shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis following a termination of service as described in The Home Depot, Inc. NonEmployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan.
  - (3) The Deferred Stock Units convert to shares of Common Stock on a one-for-one basis following a termination of service as described in The Home Depot, Inc. NonEmployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan.

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