

Osterkorn Eugene A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Osterkorn Eugene A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
 [ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 3600 W. LAKE AVENUE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/16/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP & Controller Operations

GLENVIEW, IL 60026-1215

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> | 12/16/2005                           | 12/16/2005   | F                              | 325 D \$ 90.17  | 2,016   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock <u>(3)</u>            | 09/30/2005                           | 09/30/2005   | A                              | 0 A \$ 0  | 1   | I  | See Footnote <u>(3)</u>           |

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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option <sup>(4)</sup>       | \$ 55.875  | 12/15/2000                           |  | A                              | 6,500   | 12/15/2001   | 12/15/2010  | Common Stock | 6,500                      |
| Employee Stock Option <sup>(4)</sup>       | \$ 62.25   | 12/14/2001                           |  | A                              | 6,000   | 12/14/2002   | 12/14/2011  | Common Stock | 6,000                      |
| Employee Stock Option <sup>(4)</sup>       | \$ 94.26   | 12/10/2004                           |  | A                              | 4,050   | 12/10/2005   | 12/10/2014  | Common Stock | 4,050                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                            |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                    | Other |
| Osterkorn Eugene A<br>3600 W. LAKE AVENUE<br>GLENVIEW, IL 60026-1215 |               |           | VP & Controller Operations |       |

## Signatures

Eugene A. Osterkorn by James H. Wooten, Jr., V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary  
Attorney-In-Fact POA on File 12/20/2005

\*\*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 grant of restricted stock vesting 12/16/2005.
- (2) Includes grant of restricted stock vesting 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006
- (3) Includes 1 share of Common Stock allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan. Information reported as of September 30, 2005.
- (4) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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