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 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)													
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FISCHER THOMAS J				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACTUANT CORP [ATU]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6100 NORTH BAKER ROAD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/12/2004						_	Officer (give	e title below)	Oth	er (specify below	V)	
(Street) MILWAUKEE, WI 53209			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City		(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acqui						s Acquire	ired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned				
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year		2A. Deemed Execution Date any (Month/Day/Y		Date, if	Code (Inst	e (Atr. 8) (I	Securities Acqu A) or Disposed o nstr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or mount (D)	of (D) Ow Tra	Amount of S vned Follow ansaction(s) str. 3 and 4)	ing Reporte	d	Ownership Form:	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Table II -					in this display	s who respondered form are not responded to the second sec	equired to valid OME eficially Ov	o respond B control n	unless the		ed SEC	1474 (9-02)
	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		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	of Un		s	Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form of Derivating Security Direct (I or Indire	Ownersh (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Director Stock Option (right to	\$37.41	01/12/2004		A		6,000		12/12/2004	01/12/2014	Class A	on 6,000	\$37.41	6,000	D	

Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	rector Owner Off		r Other		
FISCHER THOMAS J 6100 NORTH BAKER ROAD MILWAUKEE, WI 53209	X					

Signatures

Kathryn Moore, as Attorney-in-Fact for Thomas J. Fischer	01/13/2004
**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) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2001 Outside Director Stock Option Plan which vests 11 months after grant.

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