

Frasso James M
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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 *
Frasso James M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/30/2005

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

SVP Store Operations

(Street)
MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)	Price		
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M	V	2,225	A	\$ 43.99 4,625 D
Common Stock	03/30/2005		S		2,225	D	\$ 57.16 2,400 D
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M		3,945	A	\$ 43.99 6,345 D
Common Stock	03/30/2005		S		3,945	D	\$ 57.16 2,400 D
Common Stock	03/30/2005		M		4,991	A	\$ 39.3 7,391 D

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Common Stock	03/30/2005	S	4,991	D	\$ 57.16	2,400	D
Common Stock	03/30/2005	S	2,400	D	\$ 57.16	0	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	
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/30/2005		M	2,225	<u>(1)</u> 03/01/2009	Common Stock	2,225
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 39.3	03/30/2005		M	4,991	<u>(2)</u> 03/01/2010	Common Stock	4,991
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 43.99	03/30/2005		M	3,945	<u>(3)</u> 03/01/2009	Common Stock	3,945

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Frasso James M 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117			SVP Store Operations	

Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: James M.
Frasso

03/31/2005

__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) One of the 2,225 incentive stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03. 168 became exercisable on 3/1/04, and 2,056 became exercisable on 3/1/05.
 - (2) 2,617 of the 4,991 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/04, and 2,374 became exercisable on 3/1/05.
 - (3) 2,056 of the 3,945 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 3/1/03, and 1,889 became exercisable on 3/1/04.

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