

NEIL STEVEN M  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
NEIL STEVEN M		(Month/Day/Year)	COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		01/26/2005		
THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC., 6140 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			CFO	
PLEASANTON, CA 94588			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,000	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Stock Options (Right to buy)	Â (1)	01/24/2015	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 73.4	D Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEIL STEVEN M THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC. 6140 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD PLEASANTON, CA 94588	Â	Â	Â CFO	Â

## Signatures

Carol R. Kaufman, Wendy L. Stark or Sharyl L. Proscia	01/27/2005
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$82.21, but not earlier than 7/26/06; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$88.08, but not earlier than 7/26/07; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$95.42, but not earlier than 7/28/08; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$102.76, but not earlier than 7/27/09. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on January 24, 2010.

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