

INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 NEWSOME CHARLES B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1373 BOGGS DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/16/2009

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

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/16/2009	01/16/2009	M		4,000	A	\$ 3.28
Common Stock							88
Common Stock							3,587
						D	Custodial Account
						I	Restricted

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 3.28	01/16/2009	01/16/2009	M		4,000		02/09/1999	02/09/2009	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.18							02/19/2002	02/19/2012	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 0.36							02/25/2003	02/25/2013	Common Stock	7,200
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 1.06							02/16/2001	02/16/2011	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 4.19							02/01/2000	02/01/2010	Common Stock	4,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 5.43							07/20/2004	07/20/2014	Common Stock	7,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWSOME CHARLES B 1373 BOGGS DRIVE MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030		X		

## Signatures

James F. Petelle for Charles B. Newsome  
Date: 01/20/2009

\_\_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).

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