

COOPER JOHN REX  
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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 \*  
COOPER JOHN REX

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4991 CORPORATE DRIVE  
(Street)

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/30/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	12/30/2005		P	81 <sup>(5)</sup>	A \$ 23.09	31,931	D
Common Stock						4,000	I IRA

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/18/2010	Common Stock	40,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.56					02/22/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2012	Common Stock	130,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(3)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock	112,500
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock	75,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(4)</sup> 06/30/2015	Common Stock	28,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER JOHN REX 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805	X		Chairman, CEO	

## Signatures

Edward H. Blankenship as attorney-in-fact for John R. Cooper 01/05/2006

\*\*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) Grant date, exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.
- (2) Grant date is 2/22/02, vesting begins on 3/4/02, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.
- (3) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (4) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.
- (5) Shares purchased under the Avocent Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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