

AVOCENT CORP  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
HARPER EDWIN L

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.  
(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2008

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)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/08/2008		D	V Amount (D) \$ 2,000 21.9245	41,255 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					5,000	I	Family L.P.

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)**

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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	20,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77					04/15/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 04/15/2012	Common Stock	20,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(1)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/30/2015	Common Stock	4,200

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARPER EDWIN L 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E. REDMOND, WA 98052		X		

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead as attorney-in-fact for Edwin L Harper  
 09/11/2008  
 \*\*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.

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- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

These include time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and

- (3) 3,000 shares vest on January 1, 2010. These also include performance-based restricted shares granted on February 8, 2008. The shares vested on 07/15/2008 when a CEO elected by the Avocent Corporation Board of Directors took office and commenced employment.

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