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Form 3  
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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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(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |   |   |  |
|---|---------|---|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol |  |
| Â Dickinson Bryce H                       |         | (Month/Day/Year)  | TODCO [THE]                                 |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)  | 08/02/2005                                  |  |
| 2000 W. SAM HOUSTON PKW.                  |         | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |   | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| S.,Â SUITE 800                            |         |   |   |  |
| (Street)                                  |         | (Check all applicable)  |   |  |
| HOUSTON,Â TXÂ 77042-3615                  |         | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br>(give title below)    (specify below) |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)   | Vice President                              | <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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Class A Common Stock               | 3,944 <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D   | Â  |

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<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares | or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 5) |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| Dickinson Bryce H<br>2000 W. SAM HOUSTON PKW. S.<br>SUITE 800<br>HOUSTON, TX 77042-3615 | ^             | ^         | ^ Vice President | ^     |

## Signatures

Bryce Dickinson                      08/25/2005

                                Date  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Includes 2507 Shares of restricted stock that vest in three equal annual installments on February 7, 2006, February 7, 2007 and February 7, 2008, and 1437 Shares of restricted stock that vest in two equal annual installments on February 10, 2006 and February 10, 2007

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