

BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H  
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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 \*  
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/01/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP Accounting & CAO

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/01/2005		P(3)	498 A \$ 22.95	3,825	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2005		P(3)	40 A \$ 23.6555	3,865	D	
Common Stock	02/01/2005		P(3)	75 A \$ 25.3555	3,940	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 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)	\$ 15.46					07/25/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 07/25/2012	Common Stock	33,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/07/2013	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/19/2014	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BLANKENSHIP EDWARD H 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805			VP Accounting & CAO	

## Signatures

Edward H  
Blankenship 02/03/2005

\*\*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, options vest over four years, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date and 6.25% quarterly over the remaining 12 quarters.
- (2) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months, 7.5% vests every three months for the final 10 quarters.
- (3) Shares purchased under the Avocent Corporation employee stock purchase plan.

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