

DAWSON J HALLAM
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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 *
DAWSON J HALLAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)
111 MCINNIS PARKWAY
(Street)
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AUTODESK INC [ADSK]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/22/2004

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/22/2004		M		40,000	A	\$ 8.875
Common Stock	12/22/2004		S		40,000	D	\$ 37.9

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.875	12/22/2004		M	40,000 (2)	06/22/2003(3) 06/22/2010	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAWSON J HALLAM 111 MCINNIS PARKWAY SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903			X	

Signatures

Kent Heinzman, Attorney-in-fact for J. Hallam
Dawson

12/23/2004

___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) The total number of shares reported as beneficially owned includes shares that reflect the 2-for-1 stock split payable on December 20, 2004 to shareholders of record on December 6, 2004.
 - (2) Includes shares issued in connection with the 2-for-1 stock split payable on December 20, 2004 pursuant to the terms of the Company's 2000 Directors' Option Plan.
 - (3) The option vests over a 3-year period beginning on June 22, 2000 at the rate of 13,600 shares on the first anniversary, and 13,200 shares on the second and third anniversaries.

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