

ALDINGER WILLIAM F III

Form 4

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**UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p>Aldinger, William F</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Last) (First) (Middle)</i></p> <p>Illinois Tool Works Inc. 3600 West Lake Avenue</p> <hr/> <p><i>(Street)</i></p> <p>Glenview, IL 60025</p> <hr/> <p><i>(City) (State) (Zip)</i></p> | <p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Illinois Tool Works Inc. (ITW)</p> <hr/> <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p>March 20, 2003</p> <hr/> <p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check All Applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <i>(give title below)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify below)</i></p> <hr/> | <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* instruction 4(b)(v).

Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) <i>(Instr. 3 and 4)</i> | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) <i>(Instr. 4)</i> | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership <i>(Instr. 4)</i> |
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| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
|--------------|-----------|--|--------|--------|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Common Stock | 3/20/2003 | | A ***V | 233 | A | 60.62 | 6,900 | D |
| | | | | | | | 100 | I **** |

Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security <i>(Instr. 3)</i> | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any <i>(Month/Day/Year)</i> | 4. Transaction Code <i>(Instr. 8)</i> | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) <i>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)</i> | |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) |

Phantom Stock Units

Table II Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Continued
(*e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities*)

| 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |
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| | | | 1,054 | I | ***** |
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Explanation of Responses:

*** Deferred Stock Under the ITW Non-Officers Directors Fee Conversion Plan

**** Shares held by my wife as to which I disclaim beneficial ownership

***** Represents Units of Phantom Stock under the Phantom Stock Plan for Non-Officer Directors. Each Unit is equal in value to one share of Common Stock. The Units are not transferable and have no voting rights. Additional Units are credited in amounts equivalent to cash dividends paid on the Common Stock.

William F. Aldinger
by Stewart S. Hudnut
Senior Vice President,
General Counsel &
Secretary
Power of Attorney on File
Attorney-in-Fact

March 21, 2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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