

AVOCENT CORP
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FORM 4

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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 *
COOPER JOHN REX

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

HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2008

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)
Chairman, CEO

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 01/02/2008 | | F | (A) or (D) Amount 10,470 (6) | Price \$ 22.3 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 4,000 | I | IRA |

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) | \$ 52.4375 | | | | | 09/18/2000 ⁽¹⁾ 09/18/2010 | Common Stock | 40,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 21.56 | | | | | 02/22/2002 ⁽²⁾ 02/22/2012 | Common Stock | 130,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 27.25 | | | | | 03/07/2003 ⁽³⁾ 03/07/2013 | Common Stock | 112,500 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 40.98 | | | | | 02/05/2004 ⁽³⁾ 02/05/2014 | Common Stock | 75,000 |
| Options (rights to buy) | \$ 26.14 | | | | | 06/30/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 06/30/2015 | Common Stock | 28,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COOPER JOHN REX 4991 CORPORATE DRIVE HUNTSVILLE, AL 35805 | X | | Chairman, CEO | |

Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for John R. Cooper 01/04/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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- (1) Grant date, exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.
- (2) Grant date is 2/22/02, vesting begins on 3/4/02, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.
- (3) Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. Vesting of unvested options accelerated and became 100% vested on December 25, 2005.
- (4) Grant date, 100% vested on December 31, 2005.

- Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006: 14,967 shares vest on
- (5) January 1, 2008; 24,000 shares vest January 1, 2009. Includes 25,807 time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007. The shares vest equally over three years, one-third on January 1, 2008, one-third on January 1, 2009 and one-third January 1, 2010.
 - (6) 10,470 Shares were withheld as payment for taxes at the release of restricted shares on January 2, 2008.

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