

SMITH BRUCE M  
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 \*  
SMITH BRUCE M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/16/2012

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                  | 3,973                                                                                         | D <sup>(1)</sup>                                         |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                  | 16,941                                                                                        | I                                                        | In trust <sup>(2)</sup>           |

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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                                       | (A)                                                      | (D)                                                           | Amount or Number of Shares                                  |
| Restricted Stock Units <sup>(3)</sup>      | \$ 44.24                                               | 04/16/2012                           |                                                    | A                              |                                                                                         | 2,035                                                    | (4) (4)                                                       | Common Stock 2,035                                          |
| Class A Common Stock                       | \$ 0 <sup>(5)</sup>                                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                                         | (6) (7)                                                  |                                                               | Common Stock 0                                              |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                           | Relationships |           |         |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                          | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SMITH BRUCE M<br>A. O. SMITH CORPORATION<br>11270 WEST PARK PLACE<br>MILWAUKEE, WI 53224 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Bruce M. Smith

04/17/2012

    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) Shares deferred under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan.
- (2) The reporting person beneficially owns these shares as settlor of a revocable family trust.
- (3) Payment of portion of retainer in Restricted Stock Units under the A. O. Smith Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan based on the market price of the Common Stock on April 16, 2012.
- (4) The Plan permits the participant to defer receipt of the award, and Mr. Smith has made a deferral.
- (5) 1 for 1
- (6) Convertible at any time

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(7) None

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