

WOLTZ H O III  
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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 \*  
WOLTZ H O III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1373 BOGGS DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman, President and CEO

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	02/10/2012		F	6,159 D	\$ 0 444,587	D	
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>					8,513	I	co-executor of Howard O. Woltz, Jr. Estate
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>					365,130	I	co-trustee of trusts established by Howard O. Woltz, Jr.

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Common Stock <u>(2)</u>	21,222	I	Custodial account for minor child
Common Stock (Restricted Stock Units)	71,342	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.72					<u>(1)</u> 08/08/2021	Common Stock	30,928	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.43					<u>(1)</u> 02/08/2021	Common Stock	25,597	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.16					<u>(1)</u> 08/09/2020	Common Stock	33,708	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.39					<u>(1)</u> 02/09/2020	Common Stock	32,468	
	\$ 11.6					<u>(1)</u> 08/10/2019		23,962	

Stock Option (Right to Buy)				Common Stock	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.55	<u>(1)</u>	02/10/2019	Common Stock	32,609
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.15	<u>(1)</u>	02/19/2018	Common Stock	28,791
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.69	<u>(1)</u>	08/19/2018	Common Stock	15,957
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 17.11	<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2017	Common Stock	14,395
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.27	<u>(1)</u>	08/13/2017	Common Stock	11,878
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.26	<u>(1)</u>	08/14/2016	Common Stock	6,369
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 15.64	<u>(1)</u>	02/14/2016	Common Stock	9,144
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.12	<u>(1)</u>	03/04/2015	Common Stock	17,826
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 6.89	<u>(1)</u>	07/26/2015	Common Stock	11,532

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

WOLTZ H O III  
1373 BOGGS DRIVE  
MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

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Chairman, President and CEO

## Signatures

James F. Petelle for H. O.  
Woltz III

02/13/2012

\_\_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) Options vest 1/3 annually beginning one year from grant date.

In addition to the gifts on November 3 and November 30, 2011, this Form also reflects the beneficial interest H. O. Woltz III is deemed to hold in the estate of his father, Howard O. Woltz, Jr., and in three trusts established by his father, following the death of his father on January 2, 2011. Mr. Woltz III disclaims beneficial interest in the shares held in the estate and in trust, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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