

NORDSON CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>GACKA, MARK G.</b>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>NORDSON CORPORATION - NDSN</b>				6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)		4. Statement for Month/Day/Year <b>12/09/02</b>		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
28601 CLEMENS ROAD					5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)				
(Street) WESTLAKE, OH 44145									
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>						

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 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 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 SHARES								26,763 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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).

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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 (A) or Disposed	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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			of (D)				Date Exer-cisable	Expira-tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	(Instr. 4)	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)						
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$27.78	12/09/02	A		1	(2)	12/9/12	COMMON STOCK	13,000		1	D

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Includes 2,521 shares thru Co. ESOP Plan, 230 shares thru Co. Supp. ESOP Plan, and 11,802 shares thru Co. 401(K) Plan.

(2) Grant to reporting person of option to buy 13,000 shares of common stock under Nordson's Long Term Performance Plan, exercisable in annual increments of 25% per year on a cumulative basis beginning 12/9/03, the first anniversary date of the grant.

By: /s/ **Robert E. Veillette, Attorney-In-Fact**                      **12/09/02**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

\*\*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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