

Hardin John Wesley
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Hardin John Wesley

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 CASSATT ROAD, P.O. BOX 1764

(Street)

BERWYN, PA 19312-1177

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMETEK INC/ [AME]

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

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)
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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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/02/2012		M	4,804 A \$ 16.8578	46,112	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		S	4,804 D \$ 48.17	41,308	D	
401k Plan	02/02/2012		J ⁽²⁾	1 A \$ 0	324	I	401k Plan
Common Stock/serp					8,044	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.8578	02/02/2012		M	4,804	(1) 04/26/2012	Common Stock	4,804
Stock Option	\$ 22.1778					(3) 04/25/2013	Common Stock	9,148
Stock Option	\$ 24.2933					(4) 04/23/2014	Common Stock	11,122
Stock Option	\$ 32.4					(5) 04/22/2015	Common Stock	14,568
Stock Option	\$ 21.8067					(6) 04/22/2016	Common Stock	44,640
Stock Option	\$ 29.38					(7) 04/28/2017	Common Stock	31,755
Stock Option	\$ 44.74					(8) 05/02/2018	Common Stock	17,310

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hardin John Wesley 1100 CASSATT ROAD P.O. BOX 1764 BERWYN, PA 19312-1177			PRES. - ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS	

Signatures

/s/ John W.
Hardin

02/02/2012

__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) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 27, 2006.
- (2) Represents dividend reinvestment under the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 26, 2007.
- (4) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 24, 2008.
- (5) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 23, 2009.
- (6) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 23, 2010.
- (7) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 29, 2011.
- (8) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.

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