

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
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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 *
 GRESH PHILIP M JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	12/20/2004		S	5,302	D	\$	13,951
							92.7384

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)

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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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 54.62	12/12/1997		A		12,000		12/12/1998	12/12/2007	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 58.25	12/11/1998		A		12,000		12/11/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 65.5	12/17/1999		A		12,000		12/17/2000	12/17/2009	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 55.875	12/15/2000		A		38,000		12/15/2001	12/15/2010	Common Stock	38,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 62.25	12/14/2001		A		40,000		12/14/2002	12/14/2011	Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 94.26	12/10/2004		A		40,000		12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRESH PHILIP M JR			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

Philip M. Gresh by S. S. Hudnut, Sr. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary Attorney-In-Fact POA on File 12/20/2004

**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) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/03, 12/16/04, 12/16/05

(2) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006.

(3) 200 shares held by my daughter to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.

(4) 3,056 shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan -- Information reported as of 12/8/2004.

(5) Options vesting four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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