

RICE TROY  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**RICE TROY**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2455 PACES FERRY ROAD**  
  
(Street)

**ATLANTA, GA 30339**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**HOME DEPOT INC [HD]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/23/2005**

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)

Division President - Northern

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| \$.05 Common Stock              | 03/23/2005                           |  | A                              | 12,000  | \$ 0  | 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)**

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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 Options                     | \$ 37.7  | 03/23/2005                           |  | A                              | 31,000  | <u>(2)</u>   | 03/22/2015  | Common Stock | 31,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| RICE TROY<br>2455 PACES FERRY ROAD<br>ATLANTA, GA 30339 |               |           | Division President - Northern |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Rita L. Fadell,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/25/2005

\_\_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 restricted shares were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and vest 100% on the 5th anniversary of the grant date.
- (2) The stock options were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and are exercisable in 25% increments on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

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