

CATO CORP  
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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 \*  
CATO JOHN P D

(Last) (First) (Middle)

P.O. BOX 34216

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CATO CORP [CTR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/29/2007

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)  
CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO

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	(D)	Price
CLASS A COMMON STOCK	03/29/2007		A <sup>(1)</sup>		59,265	A	\$ 0 265,006
CLASS A COMMON STOCK						I	9,000 By Spouse
CLASS B COMMON STOCK						D	690,525

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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.5					08/28/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/28/2007	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	450,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.71					02/26/1999 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/29/2008	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	300,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.48					05/20/2000 <sup>(4)</sup>	05/20/2009	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	150,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.83					08/26/2000 <sup>(5)</sup>	08/26/2009	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	150,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.5					08/28/1998 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/28/2007	CLASS B COMMON STOCK	3,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.19					11/01/2000 <sup>(6)</sup>	11/01/2009	CLASS A COMMON STOCK	2,250

# Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CATO JOHN P D P.O. BOX 34216 CHARLOTTE, NC 282344216	X		CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT/CEO	

## Signatures

By: BRIAN S. MCALPINE, POWER OF ATTORNEY 03/29/2007

\_\_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).  
 Grant of restricted shares that were subject to a performance measurement. The grant was effective 5/1/2006 but carried a risk of
  - (1) forfeiture unless the performance measurement was met. The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors certified the performance measurement was met on March 29, 2007. The shares remain subject to a time-based vesting schedule.
  - (2) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 8/28/98.
  - (3) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 2/26/99.
  - (4) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 5/20/2000.
  - (5) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 8/26/2000.
  - (6) This option will vest in 5 equal annual increments beginning 11/01/2000.

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