

MERK GREGORY P  
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 \*  
**MERK GREGORY P**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NORDSON CORP [NDSN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**28601 CLEMENS ROAD**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/23/2017**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Senior Vice President**

**WESTLAKE, OH 44145**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/23/2017		F		155	D	\$ 128.29
Common Stock	11/24/2017		F		149	D	\$ 126.26
Common Stock					364	I	

By  
Company  
Savings  
Plan (3)

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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. Price or Per Share Value of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					(4) 12/03/2019	12/03/2019	Common Stock	12,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					(4) 12/07/2020	12/07/2020	Common Stock	9,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.73					(4) 11/28/2021	11/28/2021	Common Stock	10,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 61.59					(4) 11/28/2022	11/28/2022	Common Stock	7,600
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 71.75					(4) 11/25/2023	11/25/2023	Common Stock	7,600
Employee Stock Options	\$ 79.66					(5) 11/24/2024	11/24/2024	Common Stock	8,300

(right to buy)

Employee Stock

Options \$ 70.91

(6)

11/23/2025

Common Stock

13,400

(right to buy)

Employee Stock

Options \$ 107.65

(7)

11/21/2026

Common Stock

10,000

(right to buy)

Employee Stock

Options \$ 127.67

(8)

11/20/2027

Common Stock

9,000

(right to buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MERK GREGORY P 28601 CLEMENS ROAD WESTLAKE, OH 44145			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/27/2017

\_\_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) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 1,700 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on each of November 23, 2016 and 2017, and one-third will vest on November 23, 2018. 155 of the 566 shares that vested November 23, 2017 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(2) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 1,400 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares vested on each of November 24, 2015, 2016, and 2017. 149 of the 468 shares that vested November 24, 2017 were withheld to cover withholding taxes due upon vesting. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(3) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).

(4) All such options have fully vested.

(5) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 8,300 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become

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exercisable upon vesting.

(6) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 13,400 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(7) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 10,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

(8) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 9,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 20, 2018. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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