

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
 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 \*  
**CROFT JAMES III**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chief Tech Officer & VP Dev**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/13/2006**

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92128**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V | Amount |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2006                           |  | M                              |   |   | 3,300  | A \$ 3  | 3,350  | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 1,900  | D \$ 3.99   | 1,450  | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 900    | D \$ 3.97   | 550  | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/13/2006                           |  | S                              |   |   | 500    | D \$ 3.98   | 50   | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Stock                    | 02/14/2006                           |  | M                              |   |   | 1,500  | A \$ 3  | 1,550  | D <sup>(1)</sup>                  |

|              |            |   |     |   |          |     |                  |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-----|------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/14/2006 | S | 900 | D | \$ 4.071 | 650 | D <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 3.98  | 450 | D <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 3.97  | 50  | D <sup>(1)</sup> |

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 |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 3   | 02/13/2006                           |  | M                              | 3,300   | <sup>(2)</sup> 02/20/2006                                | Common Stock  | 3,300                         |                            |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 3   | 02/14/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,500   | <sup>(2)</sup> 02/20/2006                                | Common Stock  | 1,500                         |                            |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| CROFT JAMES III<br>13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH<br>SAN DIEGO, CA 92128 |               |           | Chief Tech Officer & VP Dev |       |

## Signatures

/s/ James Croft  
III

02/15/2006

\_\_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 option and the shares acquired upon exercise are subject to a domestic relations order. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares subject to and acquired upon exercise of the option except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- Grant to reporting person on February 20, 2001 of an option to purchase 30,000 shares. The option vested as to 1/8 of the shares in equal
- (2) quarterly installments over two years beginning on April 1, 2001. The option remains exercisable as to 12,200 shares, all of which are fully vested.

### Remarks:

Exhibit List

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

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