

GROSS THOMAS  
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 \*  
**GROSS THOMAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**EATON CORP [ETN]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**EATON CENTER, 1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/21/2012**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**VC & COO - Electrical Sector**

(Street)

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

**CLEVELAND, OH 44114**

(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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common Shares	02/22/2012		M	2,750 A \$ 0	58,944.2	D	
Common Shares	02/22/2012		F	900 <sup>(1)</sup> D \$ 52.24	58,044.2	D	
Common Shares					3,716.947 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	by trustee of ESP

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Stock Option	\$ 51.94	02/21/2012		A	44,100	02/21/2013 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/21/2022	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/21/2012		A	11,925	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Shares
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0	02/22/2012		M	2,750	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	Common Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSS THOMAS EATON CENTER 1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE CLEVELAND, OH 44114			VC & COO - Electrical Sector	

## Signatures

/s/Kathleen S. O'Connor, as Attorney-in-Fact  
 Date: 02/23/2012  
 \*\*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) These shares were delivered to the issuer to pay for the applicable withholding tax due upon vesting of certain restricted stock units.
- (2) These shares are held in the Eaton Savings Plan.
- (3) Thirty-three percent (33%) of these options become exercisable on the first and second anniversary of the date granted and thirty-four percent (34%) on the third anniversary of the date granted.
- (4) These restricted stock units vest as follows: thirty-three percent (33%) of the total shares granted vest on the first and second anniversary of the date of the grant and the remaining thirty-four percent (34%) of the total shares granted vest on the third anniversary of the date of the grant.

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