

Rohner William J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Rohner William J		(Month/Day/Year)	CATERPILLAR INC [CAT]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		12/01/2004		
100 N.E. ADAMS STREET			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			Vice President	
PEORIA, IL	IL	61629		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common	5,379 ⁽³⁾	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(1) (Instr. 5)	
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2007	Common	1,934	\$ 51.6562	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/1997 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2007	Common	4,366	\$ 51.6562	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	06/09/2008	Common	1,795	\$ 55.6875	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/09/1998 ⁽²⁾	06/09/2008	Common	4,505	\$ 55.6875	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2009	Common	1,604	\$ 62.3438	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/1999 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2009	Common	4,696	\$ 62.3438	D	Â
Option (ISO) ⁽¹⁾	06/12/2000 ⁽²⁾	06/12/2010	Common	2,601	\$ 38.4063	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/12/2001 ⁽²⁾	06/12/2011	Common	9,300	\$ 53.53	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/11/2002 ⁽²⁾	06/11/2012	Common	10,000	\$ 50.715	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/10/2003 ⁽²⁾	06/10/2013	Common	9,570	\$ 54.285	D	Â
Option (NQ) ⁽¹⁾	06/08/2004 ⁽²⁾	06/08/2014	Common	9,870	\$ 77.255	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rohner William J 100 N.E. ADAMS STREET PEORIA, IL 61629	Â	Â	Â Vice President	Â

Signatures

William J. Rohner; L.J.
Huxtable, POA
12/02/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Stock Option (right to buy) granted under company's 1996 Stock Option Plan.

(2) Exercisable in thirds - 1/3 after 1 yr.; 1/3 after 2 yrs.; 1/3 after 3 yrs.

(3) This amount includes 261 shares in dividend reinvestment.

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