

EATON 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 \*  
PARMENTER R E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EATON CENTER, 1111 SUPERIOR AVE.

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_X\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Vice President and Treasurer

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

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	03/11/2005	<u>(1)</u>	M	21,943 A \$ 30.74	25,785	D	
Common Shares	03/11/2005	<u>(1)</u>	M	3,918 A \$ 30.91	29,703	D	
Common Shares	03/11/2005	<u>(1)</u>	S	25,861 D \$ 69.85	3,842	D	
Common Shares					4,511.84	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 30.91	03/11/2005	<u>(1)</u>	M	3,918	07/21/1997 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/21/2007	Common Shares 3,918
Stock Option	\$ 30.74	03/11/2005	<u>(1)</u>	M	21,943	01/26/2000 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/26/2009	Common Shares 21,943

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PARMENTER R E EATON CENTER 1111 SUPERIOR AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Vice President and Treasurer	

## Signatures

/s/ Claudia J. Taller as attorney-in-fact 03/16/2005

\*\*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) This field is not applicable.
- (2) These options are exercisable in their entirety 6 months from the date of grant.
- (3) Thirty-three percent (33%) of these options become exercisable on the first and second anniversaries of the date granted and thirty-four percent (34%) on the third anniversary of the date granted.

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