FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Nichols Leland A			<u>S</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SMITH & WESSON HOLDING CORP [ SWB ]							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Iss (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Ov  Officer (give title Other (s)				ner		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2100 ROOSEVELT AVENUE					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/24/2005							2	X below) below)  Vice President-Sales					
(Street) SPRING (City)		IA State)	01104 (Zip)	4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					Line	Form fil	Form filed by More than One Reporting						
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tra			Transactio	tion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. Transacti Code (Ins	on Dis	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		ed (A) or tr. 3, 4 and 5	5. Amount of		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		. Nature of ndirect Beneficial ownership Instr. 4)			
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)	erivative Conversion Date Execution Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		Code	ansaction Derivative E ode (Instr. Securities (		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)				
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expira Date		Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(s)			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.8	01/24/2005		A		100,000		(1)	01/24	1/2015	Common Stock	100,000	\$0.00	100,00	00	D		

## Explanation of Responses:

1. One-third of the total number of options granted shall vest and become exercisable on each of the first, second, and third anniversary of the date of grant.

## Remarks:

Leland A. Nichols

01/25/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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