FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FRYLING GREGORY A						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]								k all applic Directo	able) r	g Pers	son(s) to Iss	/ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2004								X	below)	(give title		Other (s below) Vision	респу
(Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588				4. 	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Indi Line) X	-,				
(City) (State) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution D			Code (Ir		Disposed	ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				es Forn ally (D) c following (I) (II		n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
							Code	v	Amount	ount (A) or (D)		ce	Transact (Instr. 3 a	tion(s)				
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. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			d 7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			. Price of perivative security nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		expiration vate	Title	Amou or Numb of Share	er					
Stock Options (Right to	\$68.78	12/14/2004	12/14/2004	A		44,500		(1)	1	2/13/2014	Common Stock	44,50	00	\$68.78	44,500)	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$77.03, but not earlier than 5/1/06; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$82.54, but not earlier than 5/1/07; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$89.41 but not earlier than 5/1/08; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$96.29 but not earlier than 5/1/09. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on December 13, 2009.

> 12/14/2004 **Gregory Fryling**

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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