FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## 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 ]								all applic Directo	cable) r	ng Pers	10% Ov	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2004								X	below)	(give title	ooper	Other (s below) Vision	вреспу <u> </u>	
(Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2004								Indine)	"					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)					Execution Date,			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquire I Of (D) (Ins	5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported		s For ally (D) following (I) (		n: Direct r Indirect istr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code V	,	Amount	nount (A) or F		•	Transact	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		Derivative Security		9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
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Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$68.78	12/14/2004	12/14/2004	A		44,500		(1)	12/	/13/2014	Common Stock	44,50	0	\$68.78	44,50	0	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 6/15/05; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$82.54, but not earlier than 6/15/06; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$89.41 but not earlier than 6/15/07; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$96.29 but not earlier than 6/16/08. 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.

- \* 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).

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