## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  PRESS DONALD                           |   |              |           |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol COOPER COMPANIES INC [ COO ] |                 |  |   |   |   |                   |                      |  | heck all a              | ionship of Reporting Person(s) to I<br>all applicable)  Director 10% ( |  |  | ssuer      |  |  |
|--|---|--------------|-----------|---|---|-----------------|--|---|---|---|-------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|------------|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590                      |   |              |           | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/07/2005 |   |                 |  |   |   |   |                   |                      | Off  | icer (give title<br>ow) |  |  | (specify   |            |  |  |
| (Street) PLEASA (City)   |   | CA<br>State) | 94<br>(Zi | 1588<br>p)  |   | 4. If           | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |   |   |                   |                      |  |                         | ne)<br><mark>X</mark> Fo<br>Fo   | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable orm filed by One Reporting Person orm filed by More than One Reporting orson |  |            |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |   |              |           |   |   |                 |  |   |   |   |                   |                      |  |                         |  |  |  |            |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)                    |   |              |           |   |   | Execution Date, |  | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 5) |   |   |                   | d Secu<br>Ben<br>Own | nount of<br>irities<br>eficially<br>ed Following   | Form<br>(D) or          | nership<br>: Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                           | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership  |  |            |  |  |
|  |   |              |           |   |   |                 |  |   | v | Amount  | Amount (A) or (D) |                      | Price  | Tran                    | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                         |  |  | (Instr. 4) |  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |              |           | 01/07   | 7/2005 01   |                 | 01/07  | /2005   | A |   | 1,000             | (1)                  | A  | \$ <mark>0</mark> .     | 1  | 23,552   |  | D          |  |  |
|  |   |              | Tab       |   |   |                 |  |   |   |   |                   | sed of,<br>onvertib  |  |                         |  | Owne   | d  |            |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | vative Conversion Date Execution Date, if any |              | Date,     |   | of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)    |                 | Expiratio<br>(Month/D                                    | Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date                  |   | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amoun or Numbe of Title Shares |                   | unt<br>ber           | 8. Price o<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) |                         | O<br>F-<br>D<br>OI<br>(I)  | 0.<br>wnership<br>orm:<br>irect (D)<br>r Indirect<br>) (Instr. 4)  | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |  |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. Restrictions will be removed upon the earlier to occur of 1) the average closing prices during any 30 consecutive trading days after 11-15-04 reaches \$78.73 or 2) November 15, 2009

<u>Donald Press</u> <u>01/07/2005</u>

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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