

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 DAUCH RICHARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE DAUCH DRIVE

(Street)

DETROIT, MI 48211-1198

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC [AXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/15/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/15/2005		A	89,031	A	\$ 0	89,031 D
Common Stock						1,994,017	I By Trust (1)

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.65	03/15/2005		A	150,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/15/2015	Common Stock 150,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DAUCH RICHARD E ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211-1198	X		Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Patrick S. Lancaster,  
Attorney-in-fact  
Date: 03/17/2005

\_\_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).

Includes 1,833,675 shares held by the Dauch Annuity Trust 2007 and 160,342 shares held by the Richard E. Dauch Trust dtd 11/13/91. The reporting person is trustee of both trusts. Excludes 588,110 shares held by the Richard E. and Sandra J. Dauch Family Foundation, a

(1) 501(c)(3) charitable foundation in which the reporting person has no pecuniary interest. Also excludes 5,075,207 shares held by the Sandra J. Dauch Gift Trust Dated May 25, 1998 (SJD Gift Trust), of which the reporting person's spouse is trustee. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the SJD Gift Trust.

(2) The options vest in three approximately equal installments beginning March 15, 2006.

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