

GROSSMAN D KEITH  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GROSSMAN D KEITH**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**THORATEC CORP [THOR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/02/2006**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**PLEASANTON, CA 94588**

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

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

**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)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	02/02/2006		F		57,188 (1) \$ 19.24	D	D
Common Stock	02/02/2006		M		18,000 \$ 8.78	D	D
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Common Stock	02/02/2006		M		21,000 \$ 12.45	D	D
Common Stock	02/02/2006		S		124,812 \$ 19.51	D	D
	02/03/2006		M		30,000	D	D

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Common Stock					\$ 12.45		
Common Stock	02/03/2006	S	30,000	D	\$ 19.01	58,508	D
Common Stock	02/06/2006	M	75,000	A	\$ 12.45	133,508	D
Common Stock	02/06/2006	M	160,000	A	\$ 16.56	293,508	D
Common Stock	02/06/2006	M	32,998	A	\$ 13.97	326,506	D
Common Stock	02/06/2006	M	3,002	A	\$ 13.97	329,508	D
Common Stock	02/06/2006	S	271,000	D	\$ 19.06	58,508	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.78	02/02/2006		M	18,000	02/25/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2013	Common Stock	18
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.78	02/02/2006		M	18,000	02/25/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/25/2013	Common Stock	18
Employee Stock Option	\$ 12.45	02/02/2006		M	21,000	10/14/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/14/2014	Common Stock	21

(right to buy)										
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.45	02/03/2006	M	30,000	10/14/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/14/2014	Common Stock	30		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.45	02/06/2006	M	75,000	10/14/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/14/2014	Common Stock	75		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.56	02/06/2006	M	160,000	12/06/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/06/2011	Common Stock	160		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.97	02/06/2006	M	32,998	06/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	32		
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.97	02/06/2006	M	3,002	06/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/05/2013	Common Stock	3		

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSSMAN D KEITH 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

## Signatures

/s/David Lehman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

02/06/2006

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares withheld to pay taxes applicable to the vesting of restricted stock.

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- (2) Shares vest in four equal installments over four years commencing one year after the grant date.
- (3) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plan with no payment received for the option.
- (4) Shares vest in 6 equal installments over three years commencing six months after the grant date.

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