

AMPEX CORP /DE/

Form 4

October 12, 2005

**FORM 4**
**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
VENEMA RAMON C H

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1228 DOUGLAS AVENUE

(Street)

REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
AMPEX CORP /DE/ [AMPX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/11/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

VP, Asst Treasurer, Asst Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 10/11/2005                              |                                                             | M                                       | 1,500 A                                                                 | \$ 1.15 0                                                                                                          | D                                                                    |                                                                   |
| Class A<br>Common<br>Stock            | 10/11/2005                              |                                                             | S <sup>(1)</sup>                        | 1,500 D                                                                 | \$ 27.53 0                                                                                                         | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date | Title                                                         | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 1.15                                                | 10/11/2005                           |                                                    | M                              | 1,500                                                                                   | 10/07/2004                                               | 04/07/2007      | Class A Common Stock                                          | 1,500                      |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                    | Relationships                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| VENEMA RAMON C H<br>1228 DOUGLAS AVENUE<br>REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063 | VP, Asst Treasurer, Asst Sec.    |

## Signatures

Ramon C.H.  
Venema 10/11/2005

\*\*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).

(1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 18, 2005.

(2) After giving effect to this exercise, the reporting person owns 17,000 options with the same exercise price and expiration date.

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