

BENDER A THOMAS  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BENDER A THOMAS**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**COOPER COMPANIES INC [COO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR.,  
SUITE 590**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2005**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**President & CEO**

(Street)  
**PLEASANTON, CA 94588**

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

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

(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			
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	M			5,000	\$ 31.11	49,494	D
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S			500	\$ 79.63	48,994	D
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S			1,600	\$ 79.65	47,394	D
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S			200	\$ 79.66	47,194	D
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S			200	\$ 79.68	46,994	D

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Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S	1,000	D	\$ 79.69	45,994	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S	800	D	\$ 79.71	45,194	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S	500	D	\$ 79.72	44,694	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	S	200	D	\$ 79.74	44,494	D	
Common Stock							5,666	I	Wife

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.11	03/17/2005	03/17/2005	M	5,000	(1) 09/24/2008	Common Stock	5,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BENDER A THOMAS 6140 STONERIDGE MALL DR., SUITE 590 PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

Thomas Bender

03/18/2005

\*\*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) Vesting 50% upon achievement and the remaining 50% one year later

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