

BERLAN DENIS  
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**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BERLAN DENIS**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
101 INNOVATION DRIVE  
  
(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ALTERA CORP [ALTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/13/2005**

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)  
**Executive Vice President & COO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/11/2005		G	V 1,208 D \$ 18.1 (1)	464,087	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005		G	V 1,208 D \$ 18.1 (1)	462,879	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		M	13,000 A \$ 5.4532	477,136	D	
Common Stock	05/13/2005		S	13,000 D \$ 21	464,136	D	
Common Stock	01/11/2005		G	V 1,208 A \$ 18.1 (2)	12,072	I	by Son

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Common Stock 01/11/2005 G V 1,208 A \$ 18.1  
(2) 13,280 I by Son

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	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)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.4532	05/13/2005		M	13,000	10/31/1999 07/03/2005	Common Stock 13

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERLAN DENIS 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Executive Vice President & COO	

## Signatures

Denis M. Berlan 05/17/2005  
 \*\*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).
- (1) Shares Disposed Through a Gift Transaction. Stated Price reflects closing Fair Market Value of our common stock as reported on NASDAQ on the date of the Gift Transaction.
- (2) Shares Acquired Through a Gift Transaction. Stated Price reflects closing Fair Market Value of our common stock as reported on NASDAQ on the date of the Gift Transaction.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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