

THAXTON GREGORY A  
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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSON CORP [NDSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
28601 CLEMENS ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
01/13/2011

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Vice President, CFO

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

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

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Shares	01/13/2011		M	360 A \$ 38.5	3,642	D	
Common Shares	01/13/2011		M	1,825 A \$ 48.77	5,467	D	
Common Shares	01/13/2011		M	3,275 A \$ 28.74	8,742	D	
Common Shares	01/13/2011		M	1,875 A \$ 54.52	10,617	D	
Common Shares	01/13/2011		S	7,335 D \$ 94.05	3,282	D	

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Common Shares	2,710 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Company ESOP and 401(k) Plans
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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)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 38.5	01/13/2011		M	360	11/22/2007 12/07/2015	Common Shares	360	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 48.77	01/13/2011		M	1,825	11/22/2010 11/22/2016	Common Shares	1,825	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.74	01/13/2011		M	3,275	12/04/2010 12/04/2018	Common Shares	3,275	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 54.52	01/13/2011		M	1,875	12/03/2010 12/03/2019	Common Shares	1,875	
Share Equivalent	<u>(4)</u>	01/13/2011		J	2	<u>(4)</u> <u>(4)</u>	Common Shares	2	

Unit

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THAXTON GREGORY A 28601 CLEMENS ROAD WESTLAKE, OH 44145			Vice President, CFO	

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

01/14/2011

        \*\*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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$94.00 to \$94.38.  
The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person will provide upon request to the SEC staff,
- (2) Nordson Corporation or a shareholder of Nordson Corporation full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which each transaction was effected.
- (3) Balance as of January 3, 2011.  
Share Equivalent Units acquired through deferral of performance shares awarded under 2004 Long Term Performance Plan. Deferrals are made to the Nordson Stock Measurement Fund of the Amended & Restated 2005 Deferred Compensation Plan. Share Equivalent Units
- (4) are settled in common shares at reporting person's termination of employment or retirement subject to delayed distribution rules of Internal Revenue Code Section 409(A).

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