

RETTLER STEVE W  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
RETTLER STEVE W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/10/2011

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)  
Senior Vice President - CD

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    | 02/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 16,050  | A \$ 19.133   | 32,386   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 6,750   | D \$ 16.427   | 39,136   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/10/2011                           |  | S                              | 100   | D \$ 41.59  | 39,036   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/10/2011                           |  | S                              | 100   | D \$ 41.61  | 38,936   | D                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 02/10/2011                           |  | S                              | 300   | D \$ 41.63  | 38,636   | D                                 |

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|              |            |   |     |   |          |        |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 41.65 | 38,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 600 | D | \$ 41.66 | 37,636 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 41.67 | 37,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.68 | 37,136 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.69 | 36,836 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.7  | 36,536 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.71 | 36,436 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.72 | 36,136 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.74 | 35,936 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.75 | 35,736 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.77 | 35,436 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.78 | 35,336 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.79 | 35,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.81 | 35,036 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.84 | 34,936 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.85 | 34,636 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.86 | 34,536 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 100 | D | \$ 41.88 | 34,436 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.89 | 34,236 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 500 | D | \$ 41.9  | 33,736 | D |
|              | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.91 | 33,536 | D |

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|              |            |   |     |   |          |        |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock |            |   |     |   |          |        |   |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 700 | D | \$ 41.92 | 32,836 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 200 | D | \$ 41.93 | 32,636 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 300 | D | \$ 41.94 | 32,336 | D |
| Common Stock | 02/10/2011 | S | 400 | D | \$ 41.96 | 31,936 | 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 Options (Right to Buy)      | \$ 19.33   | 02/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 16,050<br><u>(1)</u>  | 10/06/2004 10/07/2013                                    | Common Stock 16,050   |
| Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)      | \$ 16.427  | 02/10/2011                           |  | M                              | 6,750<br><u>(2)</u>   | 10/11/2005 10/12/2014                                    | Common Stock 6,750  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |

RETTLER STEVE W  
A. O. SMITH CORPORATION  
11270 WEST PARK PLACE  
MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

Senior Vice President - CD

## Signatures

James F. Stern, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve W.  
Rettler

02/11/2011

\_\_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) The employee stock options were granted on 10/07/2003, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.
- (2) The employee stock options were granted on 10/12/2004, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under rule 16b-3.

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