

Ballard Alan J
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Ballard Alan J | | (Month/Day/Year) | AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 11/17/2005 | | |
| 13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director | <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| SAN DIEGO, Â CA Â 92128 | | | (give title below) | (specify below) |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | VP, Govt and Military Division | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
| | | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Common Stock | 770 | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | Amount or Number of Shares | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (1) | 12/17/2008 | Common Stock | 20,000 \$ 4.26 | | D | Â |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | Â (2) | 11/16/2009 | Common Stock | 18,000 \$ 6.7 | | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Ballard Alan J 13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH SAN DIEGO, CA 92128 | Â | Â | Â VP, Govt and Military Division | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Alan J
Ballard

11/28/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Grant to the reporting person on December 17, 2003. The option vested as to 1/4 of the shares on the six month anniversary of the grant date. Thereafter, 1/6 of the remaining shares subject to grant vested and continue to vest quarterly for two years until the option is fully vested on December 17, 2005.
- (2) Grant to the reporting person on November 16, 2004. The option vested as to 1/4 of the shares on the first anniversary of the grant date and vests as to 1/12 of the remaining shares quarterly thereafter until fully vested on November 16, 2008.

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