

Hardin John Wesley
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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 *
 Hardin John Wesley

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1100 CASSATT ROAD, P.O. BOX 1764

(Street)

BERWYN, PA 19312-1177

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMETEK INC/ [AME]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/28/2012

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)
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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/28/2012		M	21,852 A \$ 21.6	77,234	D	
Common Stock	12/28/2012		S	21,852 D \$ 37.1979 (1)	55,382	D	
401k Plan					488	I	401k Plan
Common Stock/serp					12,066	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 21.6	12/28/2012		M	21,852	<u>(2)</u> 04/22/2015	Common Stock	21,852
Stock Option	\$ 14.5378					<u>(3)</u> 04/22/2016	Common Stock	33,480
Stock Option	\$ 19.5867					<u>(4)</u> 04/28/2017	Common Stock	35,725
Stock Option	\$ 29.8267					<u>(5)</u> 05/02/2018	Common Stock	25,965
Stock Option	\$ 34.0467					<u>(6)</u> 04/30/2019	Common Stock	29,955

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hardin John Wesley 1100 CASSATT ROAD P.O. BOX 1764 BERWYN, PA 19312-1177			PRES. - ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS	

Signatures

/s/Amy M. Brown, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Hardin
12/28/2012

__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 shares were sold at prices ranging from \$37.08 to \$37.39 per share. Upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer, the reporting person will provide information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 23, 2009.
- (3) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 23, 2010.
- (4) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 29, 2011.
- (5) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.
- (6) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 1, 2013.

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