

AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 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 \*  
 JOHNSON GLEN D

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN VANGUARD CORP  
 [AVD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr.VP AMVAC Chem. Corp.

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4695 MACARTHUR COURT., SUITE 1250  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/14/2004

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	12/14/2004		M		10,900	A	\$ 2.22 13,991 D
Common Stock	12/14/2004		S		10,900	D	\$ 38.18 3,091 D
Common Stock	12/15/2004		M		80,552	A	\$ 2.22 83,643 D
Common Stock	12/15/2004		S		6,400	D	\$ 38.35 77,243 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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2.22 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/14/2004		M	10,900	01/01/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/31/2004	Common Stock	10,900
Stock Options (right to buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2.22 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/15/2004		M	80,552	01/01/2002 <sup>(3)</sup> 12/31/2004	Common Stock	80,552

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
JOHNSON GLEN D 4695 MACARTHUR COURT, SUITE 1250 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660			Sr.VP AMVAC Chem. Corp.	

## Signatures

/s/ Glen D.

Johnson 12/16/2004

\*\*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) Represents 30,000 Stock Options granted June 24, 1999 with an exercise price of \$8.06.

(2) The figures are adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends.

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(3) The options vested in three equal installments on January 1, 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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