

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC  
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**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 \*  
 DANNER ERNIE L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Exec VP & Pres, Int'l Division

HOUSTON, TX 77041

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 05/11/2006                           |  | M                              |   | 8,803 A \$ 6.73   | 86,811 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 05/11/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 300 D \$ 62.2   | 86,511 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01  | 05/11/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 100 D \$ 62.09  | 86,411 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  |
| Common Stock, par               | 05/11/2006                           |  | S                              |   | 700 D \$ 62.08  | 85,711 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | D  |

value \$0.01

|                                      |            |   |        |   |             |                       |   |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 800    | D | \$<br>62.07 | 84,911 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 500    | D | \$<br>62.06 | 84,411 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 900    | D | \$<br>62.05 | 83,511 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 200    | D | \$<br>62.04 | 83,311 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 400    | D | \$<br>62.03 | 82,911 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 3,603  | D | \$<br>62.02 | 79,308 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 6,200  | D | \$<br>62.01 | 73,108 <sup>(1)</sup> | D |
| Common<br>Stock, par<br>value \$0.01 | 05/11/2006 | S | 20,100 | D | \$ 62       | 53,008 <sup>(1)</sup> | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D<br>S<br>(I |                              |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|-----------------|------------------------------|
|   |  |   |   | Code                                 | V (A) (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of |

|                             |         |            |  |   |       |            |            | Shares                |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|--|---|-------|------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Stock                       |         |            |  |   |       |            |            |                       |
| Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 6.73 | 05/11/2006 |  | M | 8,803 | 05/30/2000 | 02/20/2008 | Common<br>Stock 8,803 |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                              | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| DANNER ERNIE L<br>4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD<br>HOUSTON, TX 77041 | X             |           | Exec VP & Pres, Int'l Division |       |

## Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-fact for Ernie L.  
Danner

05/15/2006

\_\_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) Includes 810 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan, 4,039 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan (of which 289 of these are held directly) and 1,179 shares through the 401(k) Plan.

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