

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GRESH PHILIP M JR**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
 (Street)  
  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**12/16/2004**  
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President**  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(3)</u> <u>(4)</u>	12/16/2004		F	D	2,213	\$ 91.98	19,253 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)**

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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 Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 54.62	12/12/1997		A	12,000	12/12/1998 12/12/2007	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 58.25	12/11/1998		A	12,000	12/11/1999 12/11/2008	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 65.5	12/17/1999		A	12,000	12/17/2000 12/17/2009	Common Stock 12,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 55.875	12/15/2000		A	38,000	12/15/2001 12/15/2010	Common Stock 38,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 62.25	12/14/2001		A	40,000	12/14/2002 12/14/2011	Common Stock 40,000
Employee Stock Option <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 94.26	12/10/2004		A	40,000	12/10/2005 12/10/2014	Common Stock 40,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRESH PHILIP M JR			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

Philip M. Gresh by S. S. Hudnut, Sr. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

12/17/2004

\_\_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) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/03, 12/16/04, 12/16/05
- (2) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006.
- (3) 200 shares held by my daughter to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.
- (4) 3,056 shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan -- Information reported as of 12/8/2004.
- (5) Options vesting four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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