

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
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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 * PTAK FRANK S			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Vice Chairman
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004	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
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock (1) (2)	12/16/2004		F	V	11,475	D	
					\$ 91.98		
					98,182	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)	Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 30.125	12/08/1995		A	60,000	12/08/1996	12/08/2005	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 54.62	12/12/1997		A	50,000	12/12/1998	12/12/2007	Common Stock	50,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 58.25	12/11/1998		A	60,000	12/11/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	60,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 65.5	12/17/1999		A	100,000	12/17/2000	12/17/2009	Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 55.875	12/15/2000		A	230,000	12/15/2001	12/15/2010	Common Stock	230,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 62.25	12/14/2001		A	200,000	12/14/2002	12/14/2011	Common Stock	200,000
Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾	\$ 94.26	12/10/2004		A	200,000	12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PTAK FRANK S			Vice Chairman	

Signatures

Frank S. Ptak 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 three year period: 12/16/2003, 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005

(2) Includes Grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006

(3) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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