

Harden Joe W  
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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 \*  
 Harden Joe W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 WORTHINGTON INDUSTRIES INC [WOR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 200 OLD WILSON BRIDGE RD.  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/22/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 President-Worthington Steel

COLUMBUS, OH 43085

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price                                |   |  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,191 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  |                                   |
| Common Shares                   | 03/22/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,000 A \$ 15.26  | 5,917 <sup>(2)</sup>  | I  | By spouse                         |

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Purchase)  | \$ 15.26   | 03/22/2006                           |  | M                              | 1,000   | 06/02/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/01/2013                     | Common Shares   | 1,000                      |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                  | Relationships |           |                             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                     | Other |
| Harden Joe W<br>200 OLD WILSON BRIDGE RD.<br>COLUMBUS, OH 43085 |               |           | President-Worthington Steel |       |

**Signatures**

/s/Joe W.  
Harden  
Date: 03/23/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

**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) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned reflects an increase of 106 common shares owned resulting from acquisitions of common shares obtained through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan since June 3, 2005.
- (2) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned reflects an increase of 165 common shares owned resulting from acquisitions of common shares obtained through the Issuer's Dividend Reinvestment Plan since June 3, 2005.
- (3) This option was granted out of the Company's Long-Term Incentive Stock Option Plan and vests at 20% per year beginning on the date listed.

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