

LOWES COMPANIES 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 \*  
**NIBLOCK ROBERT A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD**  
  
(Street)

**MOORESVILLE, NC 28117**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/17/2005**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, CEO and President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M		8,888 A \$ 22.5	27,766.372	D
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M		100 A \$ 22.5	27,866.372	D
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S		100 D \$ 59.48	27,766.372	D
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M		6,700 A \$ 22.5	34,466.372	D
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S		6,700 D \$ 59.49	27,766.372	D

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Common Stock	06/17/2005		M	21,700	A	\$ 22.5	49,466.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S	21,700	D	\$ 59.5	27,766.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M	200	A	\$ 22.5	27,966.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S	200	D	\$ 59.51	27,766.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M	5,400	A	\$ 22.5	33,166.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S	5,400	D	\$ 59.52	27,766.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M	600	A	\$ 22.5	28,366.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S	600	D	\$ 59.53	27,766.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		M	3,612	A	\$ 22.5	31,378.372	D		
Common Stock	06/17/2005		S	3,612	D	\$ 59.55	27,766.372	D		
Common Stock							400	I		by Son-1
Common Stock							400	I		by Son-2
Common Stock							20,015.399	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)		Title

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Am or Num of S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	8,888	<u>(1)</u>	12/03/2005	Common Stock	8,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	100	12/04/1999	12/03/2005	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	6,700	12/04/1999	12/03/2005	Common Stock	6,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	21,700	<u>(2)</u>	12/03/2005	Common Stock	21
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	200	12/04/2001	12/03/2005	Common Stock	2
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	5,400	12/04/2001	12/03/2005	Common Stock	5,
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	600	12/04/2001	12/03/2005	Common Stock	6
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	06/17/2005	M	3,612	12/04/2001	12/03/2005	Common Stock	3,

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIBLOCK ROBERT A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X		Chairman, CEO and President	

## Signatures

By: Janet Bernard For: Robert A. Niblock 06/20/2005

\_\_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) 4,444 of the 8,888 incentive stock options became exercisable on 12/4/00, and 4,444 became exercisable on 12/4/01.
- (2) 8,838 of the 21,700 non-qualified stock options became exercisable on 12/4/99. 11,338 became exercisable on 12/4/00, and 1,524 became exercisable on 12/4/01.

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