

Hardin John Wesley
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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 *
 Hardin John Wesley

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AMETEK INC/ [AME]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1100 CASSATT ROAD, P.O. BOX 1764

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 07/23/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
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(Street)
 BERWYN, PA 19312-1177

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 07/23/2012 | | F ⁽¹⁾ | 3,654 D \$ 33.32 | 60,728 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| 401k Plan | | | | | 488 ⁽²⁾ | I | 401k Plan |
| Common Stock/serp | | | | | 12,066 ⁽²⁾ | 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 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) | 8. Price or Value of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option | \$ 21.6 | | | | | (3) | | 04/22/2015 | | Common Stock | 21,852 |
| Stock Option | \$ 14.5378 | | | | | (4) | | 04/22/2016 | | Common Stock | 33,480 |
| Stock Option | \$ 19.5867 | | | | | (5) | | 04/28/2017 | | Common Stock | 35,725 |
| Stock Option | \$ 29.8267 | | | | | (6) | | 05/02/2018 | | Common Stock | 25,965 |
| Stock Option | \$ 34.0467 | | | | | (7) | | 04/30/2019 | | Common Stock | 29,955 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hardin John Wesley 1100 CASSATT ROAD P.O. BOX 1764 BERWYN, PA 19312-1177 | | | PRES. - ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS | |

Signatures

/s/Kathryn E. Sena, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Hardin
Date: 07/25/2012

__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) Represents withholding of shares to pay withholding taxes incurred in connection with cliff vesting of restricted stock issued on July 23, 2008.

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- (2) Total reflects a 3-for-2 stock split distributed by AMETEK, Inc. on June 29, 2012.
- (3) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 23, 2009.
- (4) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 23, 2010.
- (5) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 29, 2011.
- (6) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.
- (7) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 1, 2013.

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