

Saxon Michael J
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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 *
 Saxon Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Amtrust Financial Services, Inc.
 [AFSI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., 59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/14/2012

NEW YORK, NY 10038
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	Amount or Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2012		M			12,000 A \$ 7	58,916	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2012		F			5,171 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 26.34	53,745	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2012		F			690 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 26.439	53,055	D	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	02/14/2012		F			200 ⁽²⁾ D \$ 26.431	52,855	D	
	02/15/2012		M			A \$ 0	58,080	D	

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Common Stock				5,225				
				<u>(3)</u>				
Common Stock	02/15/2012		F	1,692	D	\$ 27.25	56,388	D
				<u>(4)</u>				

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)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 7	02/14/2012		M	12,000	02/09/2007 02/09/2016	Common Stock 12,000
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	02/15/2012		M	5,225	<u>(6)</u> <u>(6)</u>	Common Stock 5,225
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(5)</u>	02/15/2012		A	20,916	<u>(7)</u> <u>(7)</u>	Common Stock 20,916

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Saxon Michael J
C/O AMTRUST FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.
59 MAIDEN LANE, 6TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10038

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Michael J.

Saxon

02/16/2012

**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) This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Saxon on September 19, 2011.1.
- (2) Shares withheld to satisfy income tax withholding liabilities and payment of the option exercise price.
- (3) Acquisition of common stock resulting from the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Saxon on February 15, 2011.
- (4) Disposition of common stock resulting from the withholding of securities for the payment of tax liability relating to the vesting of one-fourth of the restricted stock units granted to Mr. Saxon on February 15, 2011.
- (5) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of AmTrust Financial Services, Inc.'s common stock.
On February 15, 2011, Mr. Saxon received restricted stock units representing 20,900 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule,
- (6) vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.
On February 15, 2012, Mr. Saxon received restricted stock units representing 20,916 shares subject to a four-year vesting schedule,
- (7) vesting 25% on the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date. As restricted stock units vest, the vested units are automatically converted to vested common stock on a one-for-one basis on the vesting date.

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