

AVOCENT CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
SARACINO SAMUEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.  
(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/14/2008

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)  
Exec VP of Legal and Corp

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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) Price			
Common Stock	07/14/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>		A	8,000 A \$ 0	54,158 <sup>(4)</sup>	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 a Underlyi (Instr. 3)
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup> 09/18/2010	Comm Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77					04/15/2002 <sup>(2)</sup> 04/15/2012	Comm Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 03/07/2013	Comm Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/05/2014	Comm Stock
Option (rights to buy)	\$ 28.96					08/19/2004 <sup>(2)</sup> 08/19/2014	Comm Stock
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 06/30/2015	Comm Stock
Performance-Share Award with Market Conditions	\$ 0 <sup>(6)</sup>	02/19/2008		A	16,046	02/19/2008 <sup>(6)</sup> 02/19/2018	Comm Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SARACINO SAMUEL F 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E. REDMOND, WA 98052			Exec VP of Legal and Corp	

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead Attorney-in-Fact for Samuel F. Saracino 07/16/2008

\_\_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) Grant date, 15% vests every six months for the first 12 months, 6.25% vests quarterly for the following 24 months and 5% vests quarterly for the remaining 12 months.

(2)

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Grant date, 25% vests after 6 months and in 10 equal quarterly installments thereafter. The vesting of the unvested options priced at higher than \$25.00 vested on December 25, 2005.

(3) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

Includes time-based and performance-based (now deemed earned) restricted shares awarded on April 25, 2006, April 27, 2008, and

(4) February 19, 2008. 13,122 shares vest on January 1, 2009, 6,876 shares vest on January 1, 2010, and 3,291 shares vest on January 1, 2010.

(5) Grant date. These shares vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the closing price of Avocent's common stock being at or above a specified level for each trading day during any consecutive 30 calendar day period.

(6) Grant date; These are performance-shares awards with market conditions tied to company stock price to be earned over a two year period. If earned, the shares will vest over a three year period beginning January 1, 2008.

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