

AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC

Form 4

March 17, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DAUCH DAVID C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE DAUCH DRIVE

(Street)

DETROIT, MI 48211-1198

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

AMERICAN AXLE &
MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS
INC [AXL]

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

03/15/2006

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-Comm. & Strat. Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

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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. 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) Price			
Common Stock	03/15/2006		A	4,800 A \$ 0	25,128	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 and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	03/15/2006		A	3,200	<u>(2)</u> 03/15/2016	Common Stock	3,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 15.58	03/15/2006		A	15,000	<u>(4)</u> 03/15/2016	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DAUCH DAVID C ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211-1198	Exec VP-Comm. & Strat. Dev.

Signatures

Patrick S. Lancaster,
Attorney-in-fact 03/15/2006

__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) Upon vesting, each restricted stock unit will be converted and distributed to the reporting person in cash equal to the then current market value of one share of AAM common stock, subject to tax withholdings.
The restricted stock units will vest on the fifth anniversary of the grant date, unless vesting is accelerated at the end of the third or fourth
- (2) year of the grant. Accelerated vesting will be contingent upon the Company's achievement of pre-determined performance goals, measured by total stockholder return (TSR) as compared to the TSR of the Company's competitor peer group.
- (3) Includes 2,800 restricted stock units granted on March 15, 2005 under the same terms as described in footnotes 1 and 2 above.
- (4) The options vest in three approximately equal annual installments beginning March 15, 2007.

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