

Ridge Thomas J  
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 \*  
Ridge Thomas J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2455 PACES FERRY ROAD

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HOME DEPOT INC [HD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/23/2005

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)

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
		Code	V	(A)					(D)
Deferred Stock Rights	<u>(1)</u>	03/23/2005	A		530.504	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	530.504
Stock Options	\$ 37.7	03/23/2005	A		9,000	<u>(2)</u>	03/22/2015	Common Stock	9,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Ridge Thomas J 2455 PACES FERRY ROAD ATLANTA, GA 30339	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Rita L. Fadell,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/25/2005

\_\_\_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).
- The Deferred Stock Rights were granted under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and convert to shares of
- (1) Common Stock on a one-for-one basis upon the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the director's termination of service as a Board member, (ii) the date of the director's death, retirement or disability, or (iii) the date of a change in control of the Company.
  - (2) The stock options were issued under The Home Depot, Inc. 1997 Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan and are exercisable in 25% increments on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th anniversaries of the grant date.

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