

BOWNE & CO INC  
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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 \*  
**FAGAN JAMES E JR**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**BOWNE & CO., INC., 345  
 HUDSON STREET**

(Street)

**NEW YORK, NY 10014**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BOWNE & CO INC [BNE]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**09/12/2005**

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)  
**Senior Vice President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	09/12/2005		C		\$ 13,000 A 13.855	30,464 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		7,600 D \$ 14.5	22,864 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		500 D \$ 14.51	22,364 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		200 D \$ 14.52	22,164 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S		300 D \$ 14.53	21,864 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	400	D	\$ 14.54	21,464 (1)	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	2,200	D	\$ 14.55	19,264 (1)	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 14.56	17,464 (1)	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)
Common Stock	\$ 13.855	09/12/2005		C	V (A) (D) 13,000 (2)	Date Exercisable (2) Expiration Date (2) 12/30/2010(2)	Common Stock 13,000 Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FAGAN JAMES E JR BOWNE & CO., INC., 345 HUDSON STREET NEW YORK, NY 10014			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

James E. Fagan, Jr. by Scott L. Spitzer under Power of Attorney  
09/14/2005

\*\*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).
- (1) The number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned as of the date reported, including the number of deferred stock units credited to the Reporting Person under Company plans as permitted under applicable SEC rules.
- (2) Incentive stock options granted under the Company's 1999 Incentive Plan for 16b Officers. Options became exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.

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