

EATON CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BUENTE STEPHEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

EATON CORPORATION, EATON CENTER

(Street)

CLEVELAND, OH 44114

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
EATON CORP [ETN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/25/2004

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)  
Sr VP and Grp Exec Automotive

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Shares	10/25/2004		M		36,710	A	\$ 30.74
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S		3,100	D	\$ 61.78
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S		100	D	\$ 61.76
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S		1,000	D	\$ 61.75
Common Shares	10/25/2004		S		1,900	D	\$ 61.77
Common Shares	10/25/2004						\$ 68,937
Common Shares	10/25/2004						\$ 65,837
Common Shares	10/25/2004						\$ 65,737
Common Shares	10/25/2004						\$ 64,737
Common Shares	10/25/2004						\$ 62,837

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Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,800	D	\$ 61.8	60,037	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,700	D	\$ 61.88	57,337	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,000	D	\$ 61.85	56,337	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,500	D	\$ 61.84	54,837	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	400	D	\$ 61.86	54,437	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	300	D	\$ 61.83	54,137	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	2,300	D	\$ 61.89	51,837	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	1,200	D	\$ 61.91	50,637	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	18,400	D	\$ 61.9	32,237	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	S	10	D	\$ 61.93	32,227	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	M	8,350	A	\$ 30.74	40,577	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	M	1,215	A	\$ 30.91	41,792	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	F	609 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 61.63	41,183	D	
Common Shares	10/25/2004	F	4,164 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	\$ 61.63	37,019	D	
Common Shares	10/27/2004	G	485 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	36,534	D	
Common Shares	10/27/2004	G	485 <sup>(2)</sup>	A	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	485	I	by Charitable Trust
Common Shares	10/27/2004	S	485 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$ 63.34	0	I	by Charitable Trust
Common Shares						5,642.16	I	by trustee of ESP <sup>(4)</sup>

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 30.74	10/25/2004		M	36,710	01/26/2000 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/26/2009	Common Shares	36,710
Stock Option	\$ 30.74	10/25/2004		M	8,350	01/26/2000 <sup>(5)</sup> 01/26/2009	Common Shares	8,350
Stock Option	\$ 30.91	10/25/2004		M	1,215	07/21/1997 <sup>(6)</sup> 01/21/2007	Common Shares	1,215

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUENTE STEPHEN M EATON CORPORATION EATON CENTER CLEVELAND, OH 44114			Sr VP and Grp Exec Automotive	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephen M. Buente, by Claudia J. Taller  
attorney-in-fact

10/27/2004

\*\*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) These shares were delivered to the issuer to pay for the applicable option exercise price.
- (2) These shares were transferred to a charitable trust held by Mr. Buente and sold by the trust.
- (3) This field is not applicable.
- (4) Eaton Savings Plan
- (5) Thirty-three percent (33%) of these options become exercisable on the first and second anniversaries of the date granted and thirty-four percent (34%) on the third anniversary of the date granted.

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(6) These options are exercisable in their entirety 6 months from the date of grant.

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