

CHASE HOWARD E  
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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 \*  
CHASE HOWARD E

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE  
(Street)

PLEASANTON, CA 94551

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/18/2007

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 (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or Price (D)		
Common Stock	05/18/2007 <sup>(1)</sup>		A		5,000 A \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	8,750	D
Common Stock	05/18/2007		M		1,875 A \$ 9.43	10,625	D
Common Stock	05/18/2007		M		1,875 A \$ 5.79	12,500	D
Common Stock	05/18/2007		M		1,875 A \$ 9.29	14,375	D
Common Stock	05/18/2007		M		1,875 A \$ 8.59	16,250	D
	05/18/2007		S		1,875 D	14,375	D

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Common Stock						\$ 17.96	
Common Stock	05/18/2007	S	1,875	D		\$ 17.97	12,500 D
Common Stock	05/18/2007	S	1,875	D		\$ 17.98	10,625 D
Common Stock	05/18/2007	S	1,875	D		\$ 18	8,750 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.43	05/18/2007		M		1,875		05/30/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	05/30/2007	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.79	05/18/2007		M		1,875		08/19/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	08/19/2007	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.29	05/18/2007		M		1,875		11/14/2002 <sup>(3)</sup>	11/14/2007	Common Stock	1
Non-Qualified Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.59	05/18/2007		M		1,875		02/20/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/20/2008	Common Stock	1

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Reporting Owners

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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE X  
PLEASANTON, CA 94551

## Signatures

/s/ David A. Lehman, 05/21/2007  
Attorney-In-Fact

\_\_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) Restricted stock was granted on May 18, 2007. The Restricted Stock vests in four equal annual installments commencing one year after that date.
- (2) Restricted stock was granted pursuant to the Company's 2006 Incentive Stock Plan with no payment received for the Restricted Stock.
- (3) This option vested 100% on the grant date.
- (4) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans as a non-qualified option with no payment received for the option.

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