

SMITH A O CORP  
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 \*  
RETTLER STEVE W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
02/23/2006

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)  
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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	A	\$ 5,850	13,100	D
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M	A	\$ 29.031	19,400	D
Common Stock	02/24/2006		S	D	\$ 46.815	7,250	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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 29.8333	02/23/2006		M	5,850	04/26/1999	04/27/2008	Common Stock	5,850
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 29.031	02/23/2006		M	6,300	10/12/2000	10/13/2009	Common Stock	6,300

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RETTLER STEVE W A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Vice President	

## Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve W. Rettler  
Date: 02/27/2006

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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) Granted on 04/27/1998 under the A. O. Smith Corporation 1990 Long-Term Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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- (2) Granted on 10/13/1999 under the A. O. Smith Corporation Long-Term Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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