

GARDNER DENVER INC  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 * Â Steele Jeremy T. (Last) (First) (Middle)  GARDNER DENVER, INC., Â 1800 GARDNER EXPRESSWAY (Street)  QUINCY, Â IL Â 62305 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/03/2008	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GARDNER DENVER INC [GDI]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) VP, GC, CCO & Asst Sec	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	417 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	401K Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	Â (2)	02/20/2013	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 30.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	Â (3)	02/19/2014	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 35.7	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right-to-buy)	Â (4)	02/18/2015	Common Stock	3,200	\$ 35.88	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Steele Jeremy T. GARDNER DENVER, INC. 1800 GARDNER EXPRESSWAY QUINCY, IL 62305	Â	Â	Â VP, GC, CCO & Asst Sec	Â

## Signatures

Diana C. Toman,  
Attorney-in-fact

11/12/2008

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 reporting person acquired shares under the Company's 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan. The information reported herein is based on a report dated 11/7/2008 from the Plan's record keeper, JPMorgan.
- The options, granted under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated, were exercisable in cumulative increments of one-third each on 2/20/07, 2/20/08 and 2/20/09. Of the outstanding options remaining under this grant, 1,000 will become exercisable on 2/20/09.
- (2) The options, granted under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated, were exercisable in cumulative increments of one-third each on 2/19/08, 2/19/09 and 2/19/10. Of the outstanding options remaining under this grant, 750 options will become exercisable on 2/19/09 and 750 options will become exercisable on 2/19/10.
- (3) The options, granted under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan, as Amended and Restated, are exercisable in cumulative increments of one-third each on 2/18/09, 2/18/10 and 2/18/11.
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**Remarks:**  
Exhibit List: Â Â Exhibit 24 Power of Attorney dated November 5, 2008.

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