

BOWNE & CO INC  
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**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 \*  
**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  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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		
Common Stock	09/12/2005		C	6,000	A \$ 10.745	23,464 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S	6,000	D \$ 14.24	17,464 <sup>(2)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		C	35,000	A \$ 12.91	52,464 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S	3,800	D \$ 14.24	48,664 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S	12,000	D \$ 14.25	36,664 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	100	D	\$ 14.28	36,564 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	3,100	D	\$ 14.29	33,464 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	100	D	\$ 14.3	33,364 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	3,600	D	\$ 14.31	29,764 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	1,300	D	\$ 14.32	28,464 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	600	D	\$ 14.33	27,864 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	200	D	\$ 14.35	27,664 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	3,600	D	\$ 14.36	24,064 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	900	D	\$ 14.37	23,164 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	4,600	D	\$ 14.38	18,564 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	1,100	D	\$ 14.39	17,464 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	C	23,000	A	\$ 10.58	40,464 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	200	D	\$ 14.39	40,264 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	6,500	D	\$ 14.4	33,764 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	200	D	\$ 14.41	33,564 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	2,000	D	\$ 14.42	31,564 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	900	D	\$ 14.43	30,664 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	900	D	\$ 14.44	29,764 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	700	D	\$ 14.45	29,064 <u>(1)</u>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	1,200	D	\$ 14.46	27,864 <u>(1)</u>	D
	09/12/2005	S	400	D	\$ 14.47	27,464 <u>(1)</u>	D

Common  
Stock

Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	200	D	\$ 14.48	27,264 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	1,500	D	\$ 14.49	25,764 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005	S	8,300	D	\$ 14.5	17,464 <sup>(1)</sup>	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
Common Stock	\$ 10.745	09/12/2005		C	6,000 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u> 05/10/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock 6,000 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	\$ 12.91	09/12/2005		C	35,000 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u> 12/10/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock 35,000 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	\$ 10.58	09/12/2005		C	23,000 <u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u> 12/18/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock 23,000 <u>(2)</u>

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

FAGAN JAMES E JR  
BOWNE & CO., INC.,  
345 HUDSON STREET  
NEW YORK, NY 10014

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Senior Vice President

## Signatures

James E. Fagan 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 Compensation Plan. Options became exercisable in 50% increments on the first two anniversaries of the grant.

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