

Alberto-Culver CO  
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 \*  
SCHMIDT GARY P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ALBERTO-CULVER  
COMPANY, 2525 ARMITAGE  
AVENUE

(Street)

MELROSE PARK, IL 60160

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Alberto-Culver CO [ACV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/18/2010

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, Gen. Coun. & Sec.

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock					13,060	I	FN <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	11/18/2010		M	12,550 A	\$ 20.305 47,206	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010		M	30,600 A	\$ 24.995 77,806	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010		M	19,800 A	\$ 27.255 97,606	D	
Common Stock	11/18/2010		S	62,950 D	\$ 37.22 34,656	D	

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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 Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.305	11/18/2010		M	12,550	<sup>(2)</sup> 09/30/2016	Common Stock 12,550
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.995	11/18/2010		M	30,600	<sup>(3)</sup> 10/01/2017	Common Stock 30,600
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.255	11/18/2010		M	19,800	<sup>(4)</sup> 09/30/2018	Common Stock 19,800

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHMIDT GARY P C/O ALBERTO-CULVER COMPANY 2525 ARMITAGE AVENUE MELROSE PARK, IL 60160			Sr. VP, Gen. Coun. & Sec.	

## Signatures

/s/James M. Spira as attorney-in-fact for Gary P.  
Schmidt

11/19/2010

\_\_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) Held in the 401(k) and Profit Sharing Plan. Represents Equivalent Shares calculated by taking the account balance divided by the closing stock price as of November 3, 2010 of \$37.30.
- (2) This option is fully vested.
- (3) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 9/30/2008.
- (4) This option became exercisable in four equal increments beginning on 9/30/2009.

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