

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP
 Form 5
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Form 5

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
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 Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
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 Act of 1935 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940**

Form 3 Holdings
 Reported

Form 4
 Transactions
 Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting
 Person*

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

6. Relationship of Reporting
 Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

Ash

Dollar General Corporation (DG)

Director
 10% Owner

J.

Officer (give
 Other (specify

Bruce

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. I.R.S. Identification
 Number of Reporting
 Person, if an entity
 (voluntary)

4. Statement for
 Month/Year

January 31, 2003

title below)

below)

100 Mission Ridge

(Street)

Vice President, Information
 and Administrative Services

Goodlettsville

TN

5. If Amendment, Date
 of Original
 (Month/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group
 Filing
 (Check Applicable Line)

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 One Reporting Person

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(City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at the end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
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FORM 5 (continued) **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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	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 (mm/dd/yy)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
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Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$16.14	08/12/02	A	25,200	(1)	08/12/12	Common Stock	25,200
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Explanation of Responses:

(1)

The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 12, 2003.

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ **Bruce Ash**

3/13/2003

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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