

GROSSMAN D KEITH  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**GROSSMAN D KEITH**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**THORATEC CORP [THOR]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/23/2012**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**PLEASANTON, CA 94588**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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. 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/14/2012		G		1,250	D	\$ 0 (3)
Common Stock	05/21/2012		G		2,500	D	\$ 0 (3)
Common Stock	05/25/2012		G		1,273	D	\$ 0 (3)
Common Stock (1)	05/23/2012(2)		A		5,579	A	\$ 0 (3)
Common Stock	05/14/2012		G		1,250	A	\$ 0 (3)

By Separate Property

Common Stock	05/21/2012	G	2,500	A	\$ 0 (3)	20,758	I	Trust <sup>(4)</sup> By Separate Property Trust <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock	05/25/2012	G	1,273	A	\$ 0 (3)	22,031	I	By Separate Property Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GROSSMAN D KEITH 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

## Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

05/25/2012

\_\_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) Represents restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of Thoratec Corporation common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date.
- (2) Annual stock grant according to the Company's 2006 Incentive Stock Plan.
- (3) Restricted stock was granted pursuant to the Company's 2006 Incentive Stock Plan with no payment received for the restricted stock.
- (4) D. Keith Grossman & Hallie Hildebrand Grossman, TTEES Grossman Family Trust

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