

AVERY CHARLES F JR  
 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 \*  
 AVERY CHARLES F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 HOME PRODUCTS  
 INTERNATIONAL INC [HOMZ]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)  
 \_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. Vice President--Finance

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O HOME PRODUCTS  
 INTERNATIONAL, INC., 4501  
 WEST 47TH STREET  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2004

CHICAGO, IL 60632  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)			
Common Stock	12/13/2004		U		9,980	D	\$ 2.25	0	D
Common Stock	12/13/2004		M		9,189	A	(3)	9,189	D
Common Stock	12/13/2004		D		9,189	D	(3)	0	D

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

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- (2) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2003, or upon a change of control.

Issued under the Company's Executive Incentive Plan. Under the Executive Incentive Plan, upon a change of control transaction, which the consummation of the tender offer constitutes, all phantom stock units are converted to cash by multiplying the number of such units

- (3) by the sale price of the common stock on the last business day before the change of control occurs, and the resulting amount is payable in cash upon closing of such change of control transaction. On December 10, 2004, the last business day before the tender offer was consummated, the sale price of the common stock was \$2.29 per share.
- (4) Option is fully vested.
- (5) Options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on May 14, 2002, or upon a change of control.
- (6) 1-for-1

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