

HARTSHORN TOM J  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
HARTSHORN TOM J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
100 MISSION RIDGE, INTEGRITY PLACE--4E

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

(Street)  
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	03/15/2005	A	5,200					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	5,200
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.35	03/15/2005	A	42,000					(4)	03/15/2015	Common Stock	42,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTSHORN TOM J 100 MISSION RIDGE INTEGRITY PLACE--4E GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan 03/17/2005

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 restricted stock units convert to shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The restricted stock units vest and become payable in three equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2006. The restricted stock units vest on various dates ranging from August 24, 2005 to March 15, 2008. The total amount includes 21.45
- (3) restricted stock units that were acquired since the reporting person's last report reflecting ownership of restricted stock units. Those units were acquired pursuant to automatic dividend reinvestments that were exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (4) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 15, 2006.

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