

Hardin John Wesley
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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 *
Hardin John Wesley

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AMETEK INC/ [AME]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
37 NORTH VALLEY ROAD, BUILDING 4
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2008

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ 10% Owner
_____ Other (specify below)
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PAOLI, PA 19301-0801

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 (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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock/serp	12/31/2008		J ⁽¹⁾	877 A \$ 30.845	3,129	D	
401k Plan					213	I	401k Plan
Common Stock					22,215	D	

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 or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option	\$ 20.27					09/22/2005 09/21/2011	Common Stock	5,876
Stock Option	\$ 25.2867					04/27/2006 04/26/2012	Common Stock	3,203
Stock Option	\$ 33.2667					04/26/2007 04/25/2013	Common Stock	6,099
Stock Option	\$ 36.44					04/24/2008 04/23/2014	Common Stock	7,415
Stock Option	\$ 48.6					04/23/2009 04/22/2015	Common Stock	9,712

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
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Signatures

/s/ John W.
Hardin

12/31/2008

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) Allocated pursuant to the AMETEK, Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan under which shares are automatically distributed on a one-for-one basis upon the participant's retirement.

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