

GEN PROBE INC  
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 \*  
NORDHOFF HENRY L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GEN-PROBE  
INCORPORATED, 10210  
GENETIC CENTER DRIVE

(Street)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GEN PROBE INC [GPRO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/02/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/02/2005		G	2,000	D	\$ 0	43,458 D
Common Stock	03/07/2005		M	4,000	A	\$ 12.29	47,458 D
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	3	D	\$ 50.8	47,455 D
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	297	D	\$ 50.79	47,158 D
Common Stock	03/07/2005		S <sup>(1)</sup>	363	D	\$ 50.6	46,795 D

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Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 50.56	46,695	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	213	D	\$ 50.46	46,482	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 50.45	46,282	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	50	D	\$ 50.4	46,232	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	55	D	\$ 50.38	46,177	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 50.33	46,077	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	500	D	\$ 50.32	45,577	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	200	D	\$ 50.31	45,377	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	360	D	\$ 50.3	45,017	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	64	D	\$ 50.25	44,953	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	32	D	\$ 50.2	44,921	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 50.15	44,821	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	100	D	\$ 50.11	44,721	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	1,094	D	\$ 50.06	43,627	D
Common Stock	03/07/2005	<u>S</u> (1)	169	D	\$ 50.04	43,458	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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (1)
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Derivative Security				(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
	Code	V	(A)	(D)						
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)					M	4,000	(2)	06/01/2012	Common Stock	4,000
	\$ 12.29	03/07/2005								

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORDHOFF HENRY L GEN-PROBE INCORPORATED 10210 GENETIC CENTER DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ R. William Bowen,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/09/2005

\*\*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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on September 15, 2003.

(2) Option vests as follows: 25% vest on 6/1/03; 1/48th vesting monthly following three years.

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