

TENNECO INC  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Zimmerman J Jeffrey		(Month/Day/Year)	TENNECO INC [TEN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/09/2006	
500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
LAKE FOREST,Â ILÂ 60045			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
			VP - Law and Corp. Sec.	
				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
				<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	2,208	D	Â
Common Stock	5,416 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	3,405 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(K)

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	01/20/2014	Common Stock	800	\$ 8.68	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	07/01/2011	Common Stock	400	\$ 13.05	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	01/16/2012	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 16	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (6)	01/16/2013	Common Stock	1,750	\$ 21.19	D	Â
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	Â (7)	03/17/2013	Common Stock	250	\$ 21.6	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Zimmerman J Jeffrey 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE LAKE FOREST, IL 60045	Â	Â	Â VP - Law and Corp. Sec.	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Timothy R. Donovan, Attorney-in-fact for J. Jeffrey Zimmerman 05/18/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Reflects restricted stock granted to the Reporting Person.
- (2) Reflects shares allocated to, and indirectly held by, Reporting Person under the Issuer's 401(K) Plan (the "Plan Shares").
- (3) 400 options are currently exercisable and the remaining 400 options will become exercisable on January 20, 2007
- (4) 134 options are currently exercisable, 133 options will become exercisable on July 1, 2006 and 133 options will become exercisable on July 1, 2007.
- (5) 667 options are currently exercisable, 666 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2007 and 667 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2008.
- (6) 584 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2007, 583 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2008 and 583 options will become exercisable on January 16, 2009.
- (7) 84 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2007, 83 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2008 and 83 options will become exercisable on March 17, 2009.

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**Remarks:**

See Power of Attorney for Mr. Zimmerman (Exhibit 99.1).

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