

ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N V  
 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 BROWN ERIC		(Month/Day/Year)	ORTHOFIX INTERNATIONAL N V [OFIX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
800 BOYLSTON STREET,Â PRUDENTIAL TOWER		12/02/2009	(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02199			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below) (specify below)	
			President, Spinal Stimulation	
			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	5,000	D	Â
Common Stock	1,522	I	Irrevocable Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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)	
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(1)</u>	10/04/2014	Common Stock	9,000	\$ 34.81	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(2)</u>	06/30/2015	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 43.04	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	06/30/2016	Common Stock	12,500	\$ 38.11	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	06/29/2017	Common Stock	10,000	\$ 44.97	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	06/30/2018	Common Stock	19,000	\$ 28.95	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	11/21/2018	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 10.42	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	03/11/2019	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 13.45	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(8)</u>	06/30/2019	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 25.01	D	Â
Stock Option (right to buy)	Â <u>(9)</u>	07/25/2019	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 23.58	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BROWN ERIC 800 BOYLSTON STREET PRUDENTIAL TOWER BOSTON, MA 02199	Â	Â	Â President, Spinal Stimulation	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Emily Buxton, by power of attorney  
12/11/2009

\_\_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) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of October 4, 2004.

(2) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2005.

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- (3) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2006.
- (4) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 29, 2007.
- (5) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2008.
- (6) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of November 11, 2008.
- (7) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of March 11, 2009.
- (8) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of June 30, 2009.
- (9) The options vest in one-third increments on each of the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date of July 25, 2009.

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