ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GRESH PHILIP M JR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC [ITW]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M	liddle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/16/2004				DirectorX Officer (give below) Execution		`		
(City)	(Street)	Zip)	4. If Amer Filed(Mont	th/Day/Year	·)			6. Individual or Jo Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by N Person	One Reporting Per More than One Re	rson porting	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	•	ned n Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secun on(A) or I (Instr. 3	rities A Dispose , 4 and (A) or	cquired ed of (D)	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	
Common Stock (1) (2) (3) (4)	12/16/2004			F	2,213	D	\$ 91.98	19,253	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)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 54.62	12/12/1997		A	12,000	12/12/1998	12/12/2007	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 58.25	12/11/1998		A	12,000	12/11/1999	12/11/2008	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 65.5	12/17/1999		A	12,000	12/17/2000	12/17/2009	Common Stock	12,000
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 55.875	12/15/2000		A	38,000	12/15/2001	12/15/2010	Common Stock	38,000
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 62.25	12/14/2001		A	40,000	12/14/2002	12/14/2011	Common Stock	40,000
Employee Stock Option (5)	\$ 94.26	12/10/2004		A	40,000	12/10/2005	12/10/2014	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	eporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

**Signature of Reporting Person

GRESH PHILIP M JR

Executive Vice President

Date

Signatures

Philip M. Gresh by S. S. Hudnut, Sr. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary Attorney-In-Fact POA on File

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- * 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) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/03, 12/16/04, 12/16/05
- (2) Includes grant of Restricted Stock vesting over 3 year period: 12/16/2004, 12/16/2005, 12/18/2006.
- (3) 200 shares held by my daughter to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.
- (4) 3,056 shares allocated to my account in the Illinois Tool Works Inc. Savings & Investment Plan -- Information reported as of 12/8/2004.
- (5) Options vesting four equal annual installments beginning one year from date of grant.

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