

ALDINGER WILLIAM F III  
 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 \*  
 ALDINGER WILLIAM F III

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) (Middle)  
 150 N MICHIGAN AVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/13/2004

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

CHICAGO, IL 60601

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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 <u>(1)</u> <u>(2)</u> <u>(4)</u>	12/13/2004		A	85	A	\$ 93.8	9,352	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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	12/11/1998		A	1,077	08/08/1998 08/08/1988	Common Stock	1,077

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ALDINGER WILLIAM F III 150 N MICHIGAN AVE CHICAGO, IL 60601		X		

## Signatures

William F. Aldinger by S. S. Hudnut, Sr. V.P., Gen. Counsel & Secretary Attorney-In-Fact  
POA on File 12/14/2004

\_\_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) Includes Deferred Stock under the ITW Non-Officers Directors Fee Conversion Plan.
- (2) Includes 100 shares held by my wife as to which I disclaim beneficial ownership.  
Represents units of Phantom Stock under the Phantom Stock Plan for non-officer directors. Each unit is equal in value to one share of
- (3) common stock. The units are not transferable and have no voting rights. Additional units are credited in amounts equivalent to cash dividends paid on the common stock.
- (4) Includes Grant of 900 shares of Restricted Stock 2/11/04 vesting as follows: 450 shares 1/3/2005 and 450 shares 1/2/2006

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