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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANCE COMMISSION									OMB APPROVAL			
- UNITED STATES SEC				URITIES AND EXCHANGE CO Vashington, D.C. 20549				OMMISSION	OMB Number:	3235-0287		
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obligations may continue. See InstructionSection 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 1(b).												
(Print or Type	Responses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person 2. Issuer N HOLBROOK GEORGE W JR Symbol]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
THORATEC CORP [THO					OR]		(Check	k all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/02/2005				-	_X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below)				
				Filed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
PLEASAN	TON, CA 94588						Ē	Form filed by Mo Person	ore than One Rej	porting		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-J	Derivative	Secur	rities Acqui	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	OwnershipIndForm:BeDirect (D)Ovor Indirect(Indirect)(I)Ov	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	05/02/2005			S	10,824	D	\$13	333,892	D			
Common Stock	05/03/2005			S	89,176	D	\$ 13.0001	244,716	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 c Derivativ Security (Instr. 3)	ve Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans	
				of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Date	Expiration	Title	Amount or Number		(Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date		of Shares		

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
HOLBROOK GEORGE W JR 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	Х					
Signatures						
/s/D. Keith Grossman, Attorney-In-Fact	05/03/2005					
**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).

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