

HILL J DONALD  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
HILL J DONALD

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
THORATEC CORP [THOR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/27/2007

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

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	02/27/2007		M	1,875	A	\$ 15	6,875	D
Common Stock	02/27/2007		G	1,875	D	\$ 0	5,000	D
Common Stock	02/27/2007		G	1,875	A	\$ 0	906,170	I
Common Stock	02/27/2007		S	1,875	D	\$ 19.9	904,295	I

By Separate Property Trust <sup>(3)</sup>

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

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-qualified Stock option (right-to-buy)	\$ 15	02/27/2007		M	1,875	02/28/2002 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/28/2007	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HILL J DONALD 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588		X		

## Signatures

/s/David A. Lehman,  
Attorney-In-Fact

03/01/2007

\_\_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) This option is 100% vested on the grant date.
- (2) This option was granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans as a non-qualified option with no payment received for the option.
- (3) J. Donald Hill as Trustee of the J. Donald Hill Separate Property Living Trust U/A/D 7/23/04.

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