

SOLSO THEODORE M
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SOLSO THEODORE M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY,
INC., 500 JACKSON STREET

(Street)

COLUMBUS, IN 47202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ASHLAND INC. [ASH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/26/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/26/2005		M	3,032 A \$ 38.56	4,032	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2005		M	3,032 A \$ 22.45	7,064	D	
Common Stock	08/26/2005		S	6,064 D \$ 58.92	1,000	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 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
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 22.45	08/26/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	3,032 ⁽²⁾	07/30/2003 02/28/2013	Common Stock	3,032
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.56	08/26/2005		M ⁽¹⁾	3,032 ⁽²⁾	07/31/2002 02/29/2012	Common Stock	3,032

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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CUMMINS ENGINE COMPANY, INC.
500 JACKSON STREET
COLUMBUS, IN 47202

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Signatures

Jami K. Suver,
Attorney-in-Fact 08/26/2005

**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).

(1) Stock options (represents a right to buy Ashland Common Stock) under Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan. The stock option includes a tax withholding feature pursuant to the plan.

(2) Reflects the automatic adjustment to both the number of stock options and the exercise price of the options to preserve the intrinsic value of the options pursuant to the terms of Ashland's Amended and Restated Incentive Plan.

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