THORATEC CORP Form 4

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Instr. 3)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Lucchese Cynthia L

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

THORATEC CORP [THOR]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

09/06/2005

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

10% Owner

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) Chief Financial Officer

Director

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year)

(State)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

(A)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Derivative Disposed of (D) Security (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (D) Date Exercisable Expiration (A) Date

Title

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Employee

Stock Common 09/06/2006(1) 09/06/2015 Option \$ 16.29 09/06/2005 100,000 A Stock

(right to buy)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Lucchese Cynthia L

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE Chief Financial Officer

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

Signatures

/s/D. Keith Grossman, 09/06/2005 Attorney-In-Fact

**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) Shares vest in three equal installments over three years commencing one year after option grant date.
- (2) Option was granted purusant to the Company's equity incentive plan with no payment received for the option.

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