

MIDDLEBY CORP
Form 4
May 27, 2008

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O MIDDLEBY
CORPORATION, 1400
TOASTMASTER DRIVE**

(Street)

ELGIN, IL 60120

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
MIDDLEBY CORP [MIDD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/22/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/22/2008		M ⁽¹⁾		2,000	A	\$ 5.255 ⁽¹⁾
							196,062
							D

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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)
Option to Buy	\$ 5.255 (1)	05/22/2008(1)		M(1)	2,000 (1)	03/05/2008(1) 03/05/2013(1)	common stock 2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FITZGERALD TIMOTHY JOHN C/O MIDDLEBY CORPORATION 1400 TOASTMASTER DRIVE ELGIN, IL 60120			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Timothy
Fitzgerald 05/27/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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Transaction represents the exercise of 2,000 Incentive Stock Option shares on May 22, 2008. Exercise part of an original grant of 10,000 (1) (split adj.) Incentive Stock Option shares on March 5, 2003 at an exercise price of \$5.255 (split adj). The grant vests in 20% increments with an expiration of March 5, 2013.

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