

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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SUBJECT COMPANY

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

CIK: **29534** | IRS No.: **610502302** | State of Incorporation: **TN** | Fiscal Year End: **0131**
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-11421** | Film No.: **99709512**
SIC: **5331** Variety stores

Mailing Address

104 WOODMONT BLVD STE
500
NASHVILLE TN 37205

Business Address

104 WOODMONT BLVD STE
500
NASHVILLE TN 37205
6157832156

REPORTING OWNER

WIRE WILLIAM S

CIK: **1062407** | State of Incorporation: **KY** | Fiscal Year End: **0131**
Type: **4**
SIC: **5331** Variety stores

Mailing Address

104 WOODMONT BLVD
STE 300
NASHVILLE TN 37205

Business Address

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

() Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
 WIRE, WILLIAM S.
 104 WOODMONT BLVD., STE 300
 NASHVILLE, TN 37205
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DOLLAR GENERAL CORPORATION
 DG
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Year
 AUGUST 1999
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
COMMON STOCK	8/13/99	M	27410	4.383	D	
COMMON STOCK	8/13/99	S	27410	27.00	D	

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
OPTION TO PURCHASE	5.3739				1/12/97 - 1/12/06	COMMON STOCK 11160		11160	D	
OPTION TO PURCHASE	13.4144				3/21/98 - 3/21/07	COMMON STOCK 4471		4471	D	
OPTION TO PURCHASE	22.7840				2/23/99 - 2/23/08	COMMON STOCK 2633		2633	D	
OPTION TO PURCHASE	22.0504				2/22/00 - 2/22/09	COMMON STOCK 2721		2721	D	
OPTION TO PURCHASE	4.3830	8/13/99	M	27410	2/1/95 - 2/1/05	COMMON STOCK 27410		0	D	

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 Explanation of Responses:
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
 /S/ BOB CARPENTER FOR W. WIRE
 DATE

