

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### HUTTON THOMAS C

CIK: **1207131**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-08351** | Film No.: **04815778**

Mailing Address

*ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA  
STE 1510  
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### ISSUER

#### ROTO-ROOTER INC

CIK: **19584** | IRS No.: **310791746** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
SIC: **7600** Miscellaneous repair services

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <b>HUTTON THOMAS C</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>ROTO-ROOTER INC [che]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>vice president</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>04/13/2004</b>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, STE 2702			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					
(Street)								
NEW YORK, NY 10020								
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
capital stock	04/13/2004		G	V	200	D	\$52.63	13,145	D	
capital stock	05/17/2004		A <sup>(1)</sup>	V	200	A	\$44.72	13,345	D	
capital stock								1,513	I	by spouse
capital stock								3,029	I	by son
capital stock								3,035	I	by daughter
capital stock								2,950	I	by son

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
option-right to acquire with	\$43.55	05/17/2004		A		7,000		11/17/2004 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/17/2014	capital stock	7,000	\$43.55	45,750	D	

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**Explanation of Responses:**

1. award of unrestricted stock
2. exercisable in full 11/17/04

**Signatures**

[thomas c hutton](#)

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

[05/18/2004](#)

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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