

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### REPORTING OWNER

#### TUCKER JOSEPH C

CIK: **1189562**

Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-10033** | Film No.: **06513502**

Mailing Address

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### ISSUER

#### WELLMAN INC

CIK: **812708** | IRS No.: **041671740** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**

SIC: **2820** Plastic material, synth resin/rubber, cellulos (no glass)

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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>TUCKER JOSEPH C</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>WELLMAN INC [WLM]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>VP Fibers &amp; Recycled Products</b>		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/03/2006</b>					
C/O WELLMAN, INC., 595 SHREWSBURY AVENUE			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			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		
(Street) <b>SHREWSBURY, NJ 07702</b>								
(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			
Common Stock	01/03/2006		S	(1)	5,073	D	(2)	66,000	D	
Common Stock	01/04/2006		S	(1)	2,682	D	(2)	63,318	D	
Common Stock								17,755.3966 (3)	I	Through company retirement account

**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		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. Pursuant to 10b5-1 plan.
2. This sale is the aggregate of one sales order that was executed as a number of smaller sales. Please see the attached exhibit for the details of each individual sale.
3. This includes shares from company's stock purchase plan which were transferred to company retirement plan. It also includes shares acquired by way of dividend reinvestment.

**Signatures**

Joseph Tucker

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

01/05/2006

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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January 3, 2006 sale of 5,073 shares

Shares Sold Sale Price

57	\$6.5000
86	\$6.5100
546	\$6.5300
345	\$6.5400
489	\$6.5500
144	\$6.5600
460	\$6.5700
331	\$6.5800
230	\$6.5900
517	\$6.6000
460	\$6.6100
187	\$6.6200
201	\$6.6300
101	\$6.6400
72	\$6.6434
101	\$6.6500
57	\$6.6600
14	\$6.700
144	\$6.7000
43	\$6.7100
14	\$6.7300

57	\$6.7400
216	\$6.7500
43	\$6.7700
158	\$6.8200

January 4, 2006 sale of 2,682 shares

Shares Sold    Sale Price

383	\$6.7500
230	\$6.7600
489	\$6.7700
14	\$6.7713
14	\$6.7754
259	\$6.7800
43	\$6.7900
288	\$6.8000
14	\$6.8090
86	\$6.8100
158	\$6.8200
201	\$6.8300
14	\$6.8371
158	\$6.8400

144 \$6.8500

101 \$6.8600

86 \$6.8700