

DUNCAN MICHAEL R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
DUNCAN MICHAEL R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATRIX LABORATORIES INC  
[atrx]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
10/18/2004

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP and General Manager

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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	Price	
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	10/18/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		4,200	A \$ 10.125	4,915 D
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	10/18/2004		S <sup>(1)</sup>		4,200	D \$ 30.135	715 D
Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value	10/18/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>		800	A \$ 9.75	1,515 D

Common  
 Stock, 10/18/2004 S<sup>(1)</sup> 800 D \$ 715 D  
 \$.001 Par 30.135  
 Value

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 (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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 10.125	10/18/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>	4,200	11/13/1999 11/13/2008	Common Stock 4,
Stock Option (Right-To-Buy)	\$ 9.75	10/18/2004		M <sup>(1)</sup>	800	11/15/2000 11/15/2009	Common Stock 8

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DUNCAN MICHAEL R			VP and General Manager	

## Signatures

Sarah Watson, Power of Attorney  
 10/19/2004  
 \*\*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) The stock option exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were affected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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