

AVOCENT CORP

Form 4

September 11, 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 \*  
**HARPER EDWIN L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E.

(Street)

REDMOND, WA 98052

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**AVOCENT CORP [AVCT]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/08/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner  
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ 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)
Common Stock	09/08/2008		D	V Amount (D) 2,000	\$ 21.9245	41,255 <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock					5,000	I	Family L.P.

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)**

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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)		8. De Se (In
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 52.4375					09/18/2000 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/18/2010	Common Stock	20,000	
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 21.77					04/15/2002 <sup>(1)</sup>	04/15/2012	Common Stock	20,000	
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 27.25					03/07/2003 <sup>(1)</sup>	03/07/2013	Common Stock	15,000	
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 40.98					02/05/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	02/05/2014	Common Stock	10,000	
Options (rights to buy)	\$ 26.14					06/30/2005 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/30/2015	Common Stock	4,200	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
HARPER EDWIN L 9911 WILLOWS ROAD N.E. REDMOND, WA 98052	X

## Signatures

Richard K. Hempstead as attorney-in-fact for Edwin L  
Harper

09/11/2008

                    Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Grant date, exercisable in 24 equal monthly installments beginning one month from date of grant.

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- (2) Grant date, 100% vests on December 31, 2005.

These include time-based restricted shares granted on April 27, 2007 and February 19, 2008. 5,016 shares vest on January 1, 2009 and

- (3) 3,000 shares vest on January 1, 2010. These also include performance-based restricted shares granted on February 8, 2008. The shares vested on 07/15/2008 when a CEO elected by the Avocent Corporation Board of Directors took office and commenced employment.

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