DAUCH DAVID C Form 4 March 17, 2005

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DAUCH DAVID C	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AMERICAN AXLE & MANUFACTURING HOLDINGS INC [AXL]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) ONE DAUCH DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/15/2005	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _Form filed by More than One Reporting			
DETROIT, MI 48211-1198		Person			

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securities onAcquired (A) or		5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/15/2005		A	7,000	A	\$ 0	23,128	D	
Common Stock							500	I	By UGMA for children

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed or (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day)	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.65	03/15/2005		A	12,000	<u>(1)</u>	03/15/2015	Common Stock	12,000

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DAUCH DAVID C ONE DAUCH DRIVE DETROIT, MI 48211-1198

Exec VP-Comm. & Strat. Dev.

# **Signatures**

/s/ Patrick S. Lancaster,

Attorney-in-fact 03/17/2005

\*\*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 options vest in three approximately equal installments beginning March 15, 2006.

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