

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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HARTSHORN TOM J

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072
Telephone	6158554000
CIK	0000029534
Symbol	DG
SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
Sector	Consumer Cyclical
Fiscal Year	02/02

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Sector	Services
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all Applicable)	
HARTSHORN	TOM J.		Dollar General Corporation (DG)		Director	10% Owner
(Last)	(First)	(MI)	3. IRS or Soc. Sec. No. of Reporting Person (Voluntary)		X Officer	Other
104 Woodmont Blvd., Suite 300					---(give title below) --- (Specify below)	
(Street)					VICE PRESIDENT	
Nashville TN 37205			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
(City) (State) (Zip)			July 1998		X Form filed by One Reporting Person	
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TABLE I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Mon/Day/Yr)	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Security Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) (D)	Price			
Common Stock	07/15/1998	M		19306	A	\$7.7987			
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Common Stock	07/15/1998	M		2651	A	\$7.7987			
Common Stock	07/15/1998	S		46082	D	\$46.7425	89371	D	
Common Stock							12207	I	SPOUSE
Common Stock							223	I	ESOP TRUST

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exbl.	Exp. Date					
Stock Option	\$6.2914						06/01/2003	12/01/2003	Common Stock	32041	32041	D	
Stock Option	\$7.7987	07/15/1998	M			19306	04/01/1999	03/21/2004	Common Stock	19306	0	D	
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Stock Option	\$10.7520						04/01/1998	03/27/2005	Common Stock	39062	39062	D	
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Stock Option	\$10.7520						04/01/1998	03/27/2005	Common Stock	14647	14647	D	
Stock Option	\$12.2880						09/25/1905	03/25/2006	Common Stock	38972	38972	D	
Stock Option	\$12.2880						09/25/2005	03/25/2006	Common Stock	19485	19485	D	
Stock Option	\$12.2880						03/25/1999	03/25/2006	Common Stock	14613	14613	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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/s/TOM J. HARTSHORN

08/10/1998

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exbl.	Exp. Date					
Stock Option	\$20.9600						09/21/2006	03/21/2007	Common Stock	24452	24452	D	
Stock Option	\$20.9600						09/21/2006	03/21/2007	Common Stock	12226	12226	D	
Stock Option	\$21.9200						06/02/2000	06/02/2007	Common Stock	9170	9170	D	

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/s/BOB CARPENTER for TOM J. HARTSHORN 08/10/1998

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