

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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HARTSHORN TOM J

FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN, 37072
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SIC Code	5331 - Retail-Variety Stores
Industry	Discount Stores
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
HARTSHORN TOM J			DOLLAR GENERAL CORP [DG]			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Executive Vice President		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (MM/DD/YYYY)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
100 MISSION RIDGE			1/30/2004					
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072								
(City) (State) (Zip)								

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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 (MM/DD/YYYY)		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 at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Phantom Stock		2/3/2003		A4	0.3239		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.3239	\$11.31	4179.7915	D	
Phantom Stock		3/18/2003		A4	9.9034		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	9.9034	\$12.52	4189.6949	D	
Phantom Stock		4/9/2003		A4	1.023		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1.023	\$13.05	4192.743 (4)	D	
Phantom Stock		5/8/2003		A4	1285.8658		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1285.8658	\$15.65	5482.127 (5)	D	
Phantom Stock		5/15/2003		A4	23.4338		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	23.4338	\$16.7	5505.5608	D	
Phantom Stock		6/9/2003		A4	0.1779		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.1779	\$17.99	5505.7387	D	
Phantom Stock		6/24/2003		A4	0.0011		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.0011	\$18.61	5505.7398	D	
Phantom Stock		7/16/2003		A4	0.0254		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.0254	\$19.31	5505.7652	D	
Phantom Stock		8/13/2003		A4	2.9554		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	2.9554	\$18.62	5515.5423 (6)	D	
Phantom Stock		9/12/2003		A4	5.4957		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	5.4957	\$20.86	5521.038	D	
Phantom Stock		10/17/2003		A4	1.9991		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1.9991	\$21.49	5523.0371	D	
Phantom Stock		11/7/2003		A4	0.3892		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	0.3892	\$22.38	5527.4473 (7)	D	
Phantom Stock		11/12/2003		A4	3.3219		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	3.3219	\$22.12	5530.7692	D	
Phantom Stock		12/19/2003		A4	1.3438		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	1.3438	\$20.36	5532.113	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The shares of phantom stock are convertible into shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) The shares of phantom stock are exercisable immediately.

- (3) The shares of phantom stock become payable in cash upon the reporting person's termination of employment.
- (4) 2.0251 shares of phantom stock were acquired by the reporting person on March 25, 2003 pursuant to an automatic dividend reinvestment that was exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (5) 3.5182 shares of phantom stock were acquired by the reporting person on May 8, 2003 pursuant to an automatic dividend reinvestment that was exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (6) 6.8217 shares of phantom stock were acquired by the reporting person on August 1, 2003 pursuant to an automatic dividend reinvestment that was exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.
- (7) 4.021 shares of phantom stock were acquired by the reporting person on October 29, 2003 pursuant to an automatic dividend reinvestment that was exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 16a-11.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARTSHORN TOM J 100 MISSION RIDGE GOODLETTSVILLE, TN 37072			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Susan S. Lanigan, By Power of Attorney

2/24/2004

—Signature of Reporting Person

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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