

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP

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HARTSHORN TOM J

FORM 5

(Annual Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 03/15/99 for the Period Ending 01/31/99

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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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)			4. Statement for Month/Year		VICE PRESIDENT	
Nashville TN 37205			5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)		7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
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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 Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 & 4)	6. Own. Form (D) or (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount	(A) (D)	Price			
Common Stock						111713	D	
Common Stock						15258	I	SPOUSE
Common Stock						3929	I	401K TRUST

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				(A)	(D)	Date Exbl.	Exp. Date					
Stock Option	\$5.0332					06/01/2003	12/01/2003	Common Stock	40051	40051	D	
Stock Option	\$6.2390					04/01/1997	03/21/2004	Common Stock	34412	34412	D	
Stock Option	\$8.6016					04/01/1998	03/27/2005	Common Stock	48827	48827	D	
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Stock Option	\$9.8304					09/25/1905	03/25/2006	Common Stock	48715	48715	D	
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Stock Option	\$9.8304					03/25/1999	03/25/2006	Common Stock	18266	18266	D	
Stock Option	\$16.7680					09/21/2006	03/21/2007	Common Stock	30565	30565	D	
Stock Option	\$16.7680					09/21/2006	03/21/2007	Common Stock	15282	15282	D	

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**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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/s/BOB CARPENTER

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