STRYKER CORP

Form 4

December 20, 2004

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BERGY DEAN H				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol STRYKER CORP [SYK]					5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Mi	(Me	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2004				Director 10% Owner Other (specify below)				
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) Table L. Non-Derivative Securities Aco					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Y		2A. Deemed Execution Deany (Month/Day/	ate, if	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit nAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o l of (D) 5) Price	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	12/20/2004				M	1,000	A	\$ 5.5	46,018	D		

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number proof 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock	\$ 5.5	12/20/2004		M	1,000	<u>(1)</u>	04/23/2006	Common Stock	1,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BERGY DEAN H

Vice President, CFO & Secretar

Signatures

Dean H. Bergy 12/20/2004

**Signature of 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) Stock option granted April 24, 1996 under the Stryker Corporation 1988 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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