

HEXCEL CORP /DE/
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BERKSHIRE FUND V L P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS
LLC, ONE BOSTON PLACE,
SUITE 3300**

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02108

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
HEXCEL CORP /DE/ [HXL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/20/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/20/2004		C	V	2,250,071	A	\$ 3 ⁽¹⁾	2,250,071 D
Common Stock	12/20/2004		S	D	2,250,071	D	\$ 13.335	0 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)

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. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3 ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2004		C	3,288	03/19/2003 01/22/2010	Common Stock	1,	
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 3 ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2004		C	17,698.85	03/19/2003 01/22/2010	Common Stock	1,	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BERKSHIRE FUND V L P C/O BERKSHIRE PARTNERS LLC ONE BOSTON PLACE, SUITE 3300 BOSTON, MA 02108		X		

Signatures

BERKSHIRE FUND V, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP By: Fifth Berkshire Associates LLC, its general partner By: Robert J. Small, Managing Director 12/21/2004

**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 conversion rates of both the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock are determined using a conversion price initially equal to \$3.00 (subject to adjustment in certain circumstances as provided in the applicable Certificates of Designations). On this basis, each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into a number of shares of Common Stock equal to \$1000.00/\$3.00, and each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into a number of shares of Common Stock equal to \$195.618/\$3.00.

Remarks:

The Reporting Person may be deemed to be, but does not admit to be, a member of a "group" holding over 10% of the issuer's Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.