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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STRYKER CORP [syk] Hall Curtis E (Month/Day/Year) 02/07/2006 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2725 FAIRFIELD ROAD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person KALAMAZOO, MIÂ 49002 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One VP, General Counsel Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Common Stock D Â 22,000 Common Stock 1,164 I By 401K Plan Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative		6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	(1)	04/23/2006	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 5.5	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	08/20/2008	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 8.42	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	04/19/2009	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 12.14	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	04/13/2010	Common Stock	60,000	\$ 16.21	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	09/19/2011	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 23.3	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	04/28/2012	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 26.4	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	10/13/2013	Common Stock	34,000	\$ 38.83	D	Â
Common Stock	(2)	03/04/2014	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 45.21	D	Â
Common stock	(2)	04/21/2015	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 48.27	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Hall Curtis E 2725 FAIRFIELD ROAD KALAMAZOO, MI 49002	Â	Â	VP, General Counsel	Â		

Signatures

Curtis E Hall 02/09/2006

**Signature of Person

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1988 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Stock option granted pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1998 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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Reporting Owners 2

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