

AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 CARTER DAVID J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CORP /DE/ [ATCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/12/2005

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

13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M	4,000	A \$ 3.62	54,000	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S	4,000	D \$ 5.9	50,000	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M	100	A \$ 3.62	50,100	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		S	100	D \$ 5.85	50,000	D
Common Stock	09/12/2005		M	900	A \$ 3.62	50,900	D

Common Stock 09/12/2005 S 900 D \$ 5.84 50,000 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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.62	09/12/2005		M	4,000	<u>(1)</u> 11/13/2005	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.62	09/12/2005		M	100	<u>(1)</u> 11/13/2005	Common Stock	100
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.62	09/12/2005		M	900	<u>(1)</u> 11/13/2005	Common Stock	900

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
CARTER DAVID J 13114 EVENING CREEK DRIVE SOUTH SAN DIEGO, CA 92128	X

## Signatures

/s/ David J.  
Carter

09/13/2005

\_\_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 option was granted to the reporting person on November 13, 2000 to purchase 5,000 shares of common stock, and was fully vested on the date of grant.
  - (2) Not applicable.

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