

Whitehurst James M
Form 5
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FORM 5

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

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Whitehurst James M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT.
981, P.O. BOX 20574

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30320

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
DELTA AIR LINES INC /DE/
[DALRQ.PK]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
(check applicable line)

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â Â Â Â Â (A) or (D) Price	782.942 (1)	I	Savings Plan

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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. 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D S (I	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)		
Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	07/10/1989	Â <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitehurst James M DELTA AIR LINES, INC., DEPT. 981 P.O. BOX 20574 ATLANTA, GA 30320	Â	Â	Â Chief Operating Officer	Â

Signatures

Nanci Oliver Sloan as attorney in fact for James M. Whitehurst

02/03/2006

____Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects reporting person's proportionate interest in Common Stock held by the Delta Family-Care Savings Plan.
- (2) Series B ESOP Convertible Preferred Stock held under the Delta Family-Care Savings Plan. Each such share is convertible into 1.7155 shares of common stock and has no expiration date.

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