BROWN J POWELL

\$.10 par value

Common

Stock,

value

\$.10 par

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FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549									N OMB	9235- er:	0287		
Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction See Instruction Washington, D.C. 20349 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940									Expires Estima burden respon	Januai ted average hours per	ry 31, 2005 0.5		
1(b). (Print or Type	Responses)												
1. Name and A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BROWN & BROWN INC [BRO]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 3.				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/10/2004					(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Regional Exec. VP				
				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting				
		(7:-)							Person				
(City) 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(State) (Zip) Tall 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code Disposed of (D)					5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock, \$.10 par value	12/10/2004			G		730	A	\$ 0	483,456 <u>(1)</u>	D			
Common Stock,	12/10/2004			G	V	245	A	\$ 0	1,540	I	Children ((2)	

34,780

Performance

Stock

Plan (3)

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Common

Stock, \$.10 par value

4,844

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401(k) Plan
(4)

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. 5. TransactionNumber Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				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
Stock Options	\$ 9.6719					04/21/2004	04/20/2010	Common Stock	10,340
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Stock Options	\$ 9.6719					04/21/2006(6)	04/20/2010	Common Stock	8,980
Stock Options	\$ 31.56					03/23/2013(7)	03/24/2013	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN J POWELL Regional Exec. VP 2600 LAKE LUCIEN DR., STE. 330

Reporting Owners 2

ORLANDO, FL 32751

Signatures

J. POWELL BROWN

12/13/2004

**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) A portion of these shares were acquired through the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Number of shares may reflect reinvested dividends.
- Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of securities held as custodian for children who share reporting person's household. This report shall not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of such securities for the purpose of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- These securities were granted at various dates pursuant to the Company's Stock Performance Plan. Based on the satisfaction of conditions contained in that Plan, the recipient has voting rights and dividend entitlements with respect to a portion of these shares, but full ownership will not vest until the satisfaction of additional conditions.
- These securities were acquired on a periodic basis pursuant to an employee benefit plan. The amount shown is based on information supplied by the Plan recordkeeper as of 12/31/03.
- (5) Granted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors pursuant to the Company's 2000 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). Consideration for granted options is grantee's performance and continued service with Company as specified in the Plan.
- Due to the satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the Plan, 10,340 options will vest and become exercisable on April 21, 2005, and 8,980 options will vest and become exercisable on April 21, 2006, subject to grantee's continued service with Company as specififed in the Plan.
- (7) These options vest and become exercisable on 3/23/13, unless accelerated based on satisfaction of conditions established pursuant to the

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