

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>McBride Daniel G</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC. 6140 STONERIDGE MALL ROAD  (Street) PLEASANTON CA 94588  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> 07/11/2006	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>COOPER COMPANIES INC [ COO ]</u>  <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <p style="text-align: center;">VP and Senior Counsel</p>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	120	I	401(k) Plan

### 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 Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Options (Right to buy)	(1)	10/27/2010	Common Stock	12,500	67.65	D	
Stock Options (Right to buy)	(2)	02/22/2010	Common Stock	10,000	80.51	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$75.77, but not earlier than 5/1/06; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$81.18, but not earlier than 5/1/07; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$87.95 but not earlier than 5/1/08; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$94.71 but not earlier than 5/1/09. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on October 26, 2010.

2. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$90.17, but not earlier than 8/22/05; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$96.61, but not earlier than 8/23/06; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$104.66 but not earlier than 8/22/07; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$112.71 but not earlier than 8/22/08. All options not otherwise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on February 22, 2010.

Daniel G McBride
07/13/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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