

Leitch David G
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Leitch David G

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 FORD MOTOR COMPANY, ONE
 AMERICAN ROAD
 (Street)

DEARBORN, MI 48126

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 FORD MOTOR CO [F]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2005

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)
 Senior VP and Gen. Counsel

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.41	05/16/2005	A ⁽¹⁾	75,000					(1)	05/15/2015	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	75,000
Ford Stock Equivalents	(2)	05/16/2005	A ⁽²⁾	50,000					(2)	(2)	Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Leitch David G FORD MOTOR COMPANY ONE AMERICAN ROAD DEARBORN, MI 48126			Senior VP and Gen. Counsel	

Signatures

s/Kathryn S. Lamping,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/17/2005

**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) This option was granted under the Company's 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan without payment by me. The option is exercisable to the extent of 33% of the shares optioned after one year from the date of grant (05/16/2005), 66% after two years, and in full after three years.
- (2) These Ford Stock Equivalents were acquired under the Company's 1998 Long-Term Incentive Plan without payment by me. These Ford Stock Equivalents will be converted and distributed to me, without payment, in shares of Common Stock on May 16, 2008.

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