

LYDALL INC /DE/  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|   |         |          |                                      |  |  |
|---|---------|----------|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         |          | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol      |  |
| Â ATWELL IAN                              |         |          | (Month/Day/Year)                     | LYDALL INC /DE/ [LDL]                            |  |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle) | 07/21/2005                           | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)       |
| C/O LYDALL, INC.,Â ONE COLONIAL ROAD      |         |          |                                      | (Check all applicable)                           |  |
| (Street)                                  |         |          |                                      | ___ Director                                     | ___ 10% Owner  |
| MANCHESTER,Â CTÂ 06045-0151               |         |          |                                      | <u> X </u> Officer                               | ___ Other  |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)    |                                      | (give title below) (specify below)               |  |
|   |         |          |                                      | Director of Internal Audit                       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) |
|   |         |          |                                      |  | <u> X </u> Form filed by One Reporting Person              |
|   |         |          |                                      |  | ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person           |

**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 (401k)             | 138.5193 <sup>(2)</sup>                               | D  | Â   |

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

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**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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|---|--|--|---|
|  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title  | Amount or Number of  |   |

|               |            |            |              | Shares               |          | (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |   |
|---------------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Option to Buy | 10/22/2004 | 10/21/2013 | Common Stock | 1,000 <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 11.46 | D                 | Â |
| Option to Buy | 12/08/2005 | 12/07/2014 | Common Stock | 1,000 <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 11.08 | D                 | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                              |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                      | Other |
| ATWELL IAN<br>C/O LYDALL, INC.<br>ONE COLONIAL ROAD<br>MANCHESTER, CT 06045-0151 | Â             | Â         | Â Director of Internal Audit | Â     |

## Signatures

David A. Jacoboski, attorney-in-fact for Ian Atwell  
07/29/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Employee Stock Option granted under the Lydall 2003 Stock Incentive Compensation Plan. Option becomes exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning one year from initial grant date.
- (2) The reporting person has acquired 138.5193 shares through the Company's 401(k) Plan as of 7/21/2005.

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