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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement STRYKER CORP [SYK] Hartman Curt R (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer _Other Person KALAMAZOO, MIÂ 49002 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One V.P., Finance Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 11,434 Common Stock 20 I By Custodian Common Stock 2,736 Ι By 401k Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Date Exercisable and	3. Title and Amount of	4.	5.	6. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 4)	Expiration Date	Securities Underlying	Conversion	Ownership	Beneficial Ownership
	(Month/Day/Year)	Derivative Security	or Exercise	Form of	(Instr. 5)

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			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock	(1)	04/28/2012	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 26.4	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	10/13/2013	Common Stock	48,000	\$ 38.83	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	03/04/2014	Common Stock	42,000	\$ 45.21	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	04/21/2015	Common Stock	44,000	\$ 48.27	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	02/06/2016	Common Stock	50,000	\$ 46.85	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	02/13/2017	Common Stock	45,000	\$ 62.65	D	Â
Common Stock	(1)	02/11/2018	Common Stock	44,000	\$ 67.8	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Hartman Curt R 2825 AIRVIEW BLVD. KALAMAZOO, MI 49002	Â	Â	V.P., Finance	Â	

Signatures

Curt R. Hartman 12/09/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 pursuant to the Stryker Corporation 1998 Stock Option Plan, exercisable as to 20% on each of the first five anniversaries of the date of grant.

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