Burbach Gerhard F Form 4 March 11, 2013

### FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES** 

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Burbach Gerhard F

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol THORATEC CORP [THOR]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

(Ctata)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE

(Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2013

Other (specify X\_ Officer (give title below) Chief Executive Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

PLEASANTON, CA 94588

(City)	(State)	Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative S	Securi	ties Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock (1)	03/07/2013		A	47,038	A	\$0(2)	163,713	D	
Common Stock	03/11/2013		F	7,406 (4)	D	\$ 35.79	156,307	D	

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of in Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 35.68	03/07/2013		A	116,431	03/07/2014(3)	03/07/2023	Common Stock

### **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
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Burbach Gerhard F 6035 STONERIDGE DRIVE PLEASANTON, CA 94588	X		Chief Executive Officer				

### **Signatures**

/s/David A. Lehman, Attorney-In-Fact 03/11/2013

\*\*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) Represents restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of Thoratec Corporation common stock upon vesting. The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date.
- (2) Options and restricted stock units were granted pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plan with no payments received for either.
- (3) Options vest in four equal annual installments commencing one year after the grant date.
- (4) Shares tendered in payment of the tax withholding obligation.

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