

SMITH A O CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
RETTLER STEVE W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**A. O. SMITH
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST
PARK PLACE**

(Street)

MILWAUKEE, WI 53224

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
SMITH A O CORP [AOS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/23/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M		5,850	A	\$ 29.8333
Common Stock	02/23/2006		M		6,300	A	\$ 29.031
Common Stock	02/24/2006		S		12,150	D	\$ 46.815

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 29.8333	02/23/2006		M		5,850		04/26/1999	04/27/2008	Common Stock	5,850
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) ⁽²⁾	\$ 29.031	02/23/2006		M		6,300		10/12/2000	10/13/2009	Common Stock	6,300

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RETTLER STEVE W A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Vice President	

Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Steve W. Rettler

02/27/2006

 **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) Granted on 04/27/1998 under the A. O. Smith Corporation 1990 Long-Term Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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- (2) Granted on 10/13/1999 under the A. O. Smith Corporation Long-Term Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

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