

THAXTON GREGORY A  
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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
NORDSON CORP [NDSN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
28601 CLEMENS ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/20/2017

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Senior Vice President, CFO

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/31/2017		G	V 124 D \$ 0	45,258	D	(1)
Common Stock	11/20/2017		A	1,600 A \$ 0	46,858	D	(2)
Common Stock	11/20/2017		A	3,100 A \$ 0	50,163	D	(3)
Common Stock					1,391	I	By Company ESOP Plan (4)
					7,188	I	

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Common  
Stock

By  
Company  
Savings  
Plan <sup>(5)</sup>

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)	\$ 14.37					<u>(6)</u> 12/04/2018	Common Stock 13,100
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					<u>(6)</u> 12/03/2019	Common Stock 11,250
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					<u>(6)</u> 12/07/2020	Common Stock 11,400
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.73					<u>(6)</u> 11/28/2021	Common Stock 13,000
Employee Stock Options	\$ 61.59					<u>(6)</u> 11/28/2022	Common Stock 11,000

(right to buy)									
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 71.75					(7)	11/25/2023	Common Stock	11,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 79.66					(8)	11/24/2024	Common Stock	12,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 70.91					(9)	11/23/2025	Common Stock	17,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 107.65					(10)	11/21/2026	Common Stock	14,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 127.67	11/20/2017	A	12,500		(11)	11/20/2027	Common Stock	12,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THAXTON GREGORY A 28601 CLEMENS ROAD WESTLAKE, OH 44145			Senior Vice President, CFO	

## Signatures

Robert E. Veillette,  
Attorney-In-Fact

11/22/2017

\_\_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) On each of March 31, 2017 and June 28, 2017, the reporting person made a gift of shares for a cumulative total of 124 shares gifted. For tax purposes, the value date of the shares delivered is each respective date a gift was made.

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- (2) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 1,600 restricted shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. One-third of the restricted shares will vest on each of November 30, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 3,100 performance shares under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan, which represent the right to receive shares contingent upon the achievement of performance measures over a 3-year performance period.
- (3) Shares that are earned upon the attainment of the applicable performance targets settle in January 2021. The ultimate number of shares earned is subject to adjustment based on actual performance. The holdings include 205 shares acquired through dividend payments and participation in the Company's Dividend Reinvestment Plan and are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.
- (4) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Employee Stock Ownership Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (5) Represents the number of shares attributable to the reporting person's participation in the Company's Savings Plan, exempt pursuant to Rule 16b-3(c).
- (6) All such options have fully vested
- (7) On November 25, 2013, the Company awarded 11,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 25, 2014. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (8) On November 24, 2014, the Company awarded 12,200 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 24, 2015. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (9) On November 23, 2015, the Company awarded 17,200 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 23, 2016. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (10) On November 21, 2016, the Company awarded 14,000 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 21, 2017. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.
- (11) On November 20, 2017, the Company awarded 12,500 stock options under the Company's 2012 Stock Incentive and Award Plan. The options vest in 4 equal annual installments beginning on November 20, 2018. The vested portions of such options will become exercisable upon vesting.

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