

VAUGHN RICHARD C  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
VAUGHN RICHARD C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC [IIN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1373 BOGGS DRIVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/30/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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	08/30/2006		M		4,000	A	\$ 4.56
Common Stock	08/30/2006		M		4,000	A	\$ 4.19
Common Stock	08/30/2006		M		4,000	A	\$ 3.28
Common Stock	08/30/2006		M		4,000	A	\$ 3.19
Common Stock	08/30/2006		M		7,200	A	\$ 5.43
							1,922
						I	Restricted

Common  
Stock

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.19	08/30/2006		M	4,000	02/03/1998 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/03/2008	Common Stock	4	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.28	08/30/2006		M	4,000	02/09/1999 <sup>(1)</sup> 02/09/2009	Common Stock	4	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.19	08/30/2006		M	4,000	02/01/2000 02/01/2010	Common Stock	4	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.56	08/30/2006		M	4,000	02/04/1997 02/04/2007	Common Stock	4	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.43	08/30/2006		M	7,200	07/20/2004 07/20/2014	Common Stock	7	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
VAUGHN RICHARD C 1373 BOGGS DRIVE	X			

MOUNT AIRY, NC 27030

## Signatures

By: Gary D. Kniskern For: C. Richard  
Vaughn

08/31/2006

\_\_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) Options are immediately exercisable upon grant.
  - (2) Exercise of non qualified stock option

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