

THAXTON GREGORY A  
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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 \*  
THAXTON GREGORY A

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

WESTLAKE, OH 44145

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/12/2018

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	01/12/2018		M		7,475	A	\$ 14.37
							56,756
Common Stock	01/12/2018		S		7,475	D	\$ 148.48
							49,281
							<u>(1)</u>
Common Stock							1,388
							I
							By Company ESOP Plan <u>(3)</u>
Common Stock							7,152
							I
							By Company

Savings  
Plan <sup>(4)</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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 14.37	01/12/2018		M	7,475	<sup>(5)</sup> 12/04/2018	Common Stock	7,475
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 27.26					<sup>(5)</sup> 12/03/2019	Common Stock	11,250
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.32					<sup>(5)</sup> 12/07/2020	Common Stock	11,400
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 43.73					<sup>(5)</sup> 11/28/2021	Common Stock	13,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 61.59					<sup>(5)</sup> 11/28/2022	Common Stock	11,000

buy)					
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 71.75	(5)	11/25/2023	Common Stock	11,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 79.66	(6)	11/24/2024	Common Stock	12,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 70.91	(7)	11/23/2025	Common Stock	17,200
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 107.65	(8)	11/21/2026	Common Stock	14,000
Employee Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 127.67	(9)	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

Gina A. Beredo,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/12/2018

\*\*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) Price reflected is the weighted-average sale price for shares sold. The shares were sold in multiple transactions, and the range of sale prices for the transactions reported was \$148.42 to 148.62. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or any staff member of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, information regarding the number of shares

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sold at each separate price.

(2) Exercise of reporting person's stock options that otherwise expire December 4, 2018, of which shares were sold to pay the exercise price, to cover withholding taxes, and to pay broker fees and commissions, pursuant to a broker-assisted cashless exercise. The holdings are net of shares previously withheld or sold to cover withholding taxes.

(3) 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).

(4) 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).

(5) All such options have fully vested

(6) 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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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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