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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hardin John Wesley			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AMETEK INC/ [AME]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(
1100 CASSAT 1764	T ROAD, P	P.O. BOX	(Month/Day/Year) 02/02/2012	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) PRES ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
BERWYN, PA	19312-117	7	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Derivative	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)		sed of 4 and (A) or	` ′	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	02/02/2012		M	4,804	A	\$ 16.8578	46,112	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		S	4,804	D	\$ 48.17	41,308	D	
401k Plan	02/02/2012		J(2)	1	A	\$ 0	324	I	401k Plan
Common Stock/serp							8,044	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	onof D Secu	ırities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
	Derivative Security				(D)	oosed of er. 3, 4,				
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option	\$ 16.8578	02/02/2012		M		4,804	<u>(1)</u>	04/26/2012	Common Stock	4,804
Stock Option	\$ 22.1778						(3)	04/25/2013	Common Stock	9,148
Stock Option	\$ 24.2933						<u>(4)</u>	04/23/2014	Common Stock	11,122
Stock Option	\$ 32.4						(5)	04/22/2015	Common Stock	14,568
Stock Option	\$ 21.8067						<u>(6)</u>	04/22/2016	Common Stock	44,640
Stock Option	\$ 29.38						<u>(7)</u>	04/28/2017	Common Stock	31,755
Stock Option	\$ 44.74						(8)	05/02/2018	Common Stock	17,310

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			_	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hardin John Wesley 1100 CASSATT ROAD P.O. BOX 1764 BERWYN, PA 19312-1177			PRES ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS	

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/s/ John W. Hardin 02/02/2012

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Relationships

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 27, 2006.
- (2) Represents dividend reinvestment under the Company's 401(k) Plan.
- (3) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 26, 2007.
- (4) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 24, 2008.
- (5) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on April 23, 2009.
- (6) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 23, 2010.
- (7) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning on April 29, 2011.
- (8) The stock options will become exercisable in four equal installments beginning on May 3, 2012.

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