

Darrell Bracken  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Darrell Bracken		(Month/Day/Year)	WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/ [WHR]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/01/2009	
			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION,Â 2000 M-63N			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below)	(specify below)
BENTON HARBOR,Â MIÂ 49022			EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

(Instr. 5)

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	05/01/2018	Common	25,000	\$ 74.98	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (2)	Â (2)	Common	15,000	\$ (2)	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Darrell Bracken WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION 2000 M-63N BENTON HARBOR, MI 49022	Â	Â	Â EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Daniel F. Hopp,  
Attorney-in-Fact

01/08/2009

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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 option is exercisable in three equal annual installments. One-third will become exercisable on May 1, 2009, one-third on May 1, 2010 and the final one-third on May 1, 2011.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of Whirlpool common stock. Restricted stock units will vest and convert one-for-one to shares on May 1, 2011.

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