

DOLLAR GENERAL CORP  
Form 5  
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**Form 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL  
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Form 3 Holdings  
Reported

Form 4  
Transactions  
Reported

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable) |
| Hartshorn                                | Dollar General Corporation (DG)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/>                 |
| Tom                                      |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner                              |
| J.                                       |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  |  | Other (specify   |

|        |         |          |   |   |  |
|--------|---------|----------|---|---|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) | 4. Statement for Month/Year<br><br>January 31, 2003 | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><br>title below)<br><br>below) |
|--------|---------|----------|---|---|--|

100 Mission Ridge

Executive Vice President,  
Merchandising

(Street)

|  |  |
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| 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Goodlettsville  
TN

37072

(City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (mm/dd/yy) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at the end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 4(b)(v).

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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 (mm/dd/yy) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy) | 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 (mm/dd/yy) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|
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| Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--------|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|
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|--|---------|----------|---|--------|-----|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Employee<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy) | \$16.14 | 08/12/02 | A | 62,800 | (1) | 08/12/12 | Common<br>Stock | 62,800 |
|--|---------|----------|---|--------|-----|----------|-----------------|--------|

Explanation of Responses:

(1)

The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on August 12, 2003.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

**/s/ Tom J. Hartshorn**

03/14/03

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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