

DANAHER CORP /DE/  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
**DITKOFF JAMES H**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE,  
NW, 12TH FLOOR

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20006

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**DANAHER CORP /DE/ [DHR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/16/2008**

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 VP-Tax & Finance

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	05/16/2008		M	10,000 A \$ 31.85	82,539	D	
Common stock	05/16/2008		S	5,880 D \$ 80	76,659	D	
Common stock					60,400	I	By spouse
Common stock					44,805	I	401(k) plan
Common stock					3,176	I	By GRAT dated September

Common stock	3,384	I	25, 2003 with five year term By GRAT dated September 25, 2004 with five year term
Common stock	5,632	I	By GRAT dated September 25, 2005 with five year term
Common stock	4,891	I	By GRAT dated September 25, 2006 with five year term
Common stock	813	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild
Common stock	812	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild
Common stock	812	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild
Common stock	611	I	By trust for benefit of grandchild

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security	or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			Code	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
	Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 31.85	05/16/2008							

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DITKOFF JAMES H 2099 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NW 12TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20006			Senior VP-Tax & Finance	

### Signatures

James F. O'Reilly, attorney-in-fact for James H. Ditkoff  
 05/16/2008  
 Signature of Reporting Person Date

### Explanation of Responses:

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