

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Petrarca Mark A</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE <hr/> (Street) MILWAUKEE WI 53224 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2005	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>SMITH A O CORP [AOS]</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Vice President - H.R. & P.A.	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person 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)
Common Stock	502.57 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	4,200 ⁽²⁾	D	

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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) ⁽³⁾	10/11/2005	10/12/2014	Common Stock 5,500	24.64	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Restricted Stock awarded on various dates between February 2000 and February 2004, with vesting in five years of the award date.
2. Restricted Stock awarded on October 12, 2004.
3. Granted on October 12, 2004, under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3.

Remarks:

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Petarca 01/05/2005

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby constitut

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned (in accordance with Section16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder (the '

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Documents and timely fil

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best :

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or act's substitute or substitutes) from and against any and all loss, damage or liability that such attorney-in-fact may sustain as a result of any action taken in go

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Documents with respect to the undersigned's holdings:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 5th day of December, 2004.

Signature: /s/Mark A. Petrarca