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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* COWEN SCOTT S						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC [NWL]								(Che	elationship o eck all applic	•		on(s) to Iss 10% Ov	
(Last)	(Fi	First) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2003									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person				
(City)	(Si	ate)	(Zip)												led by More	ed by More than One Reporti			
		Tab	le I - Nor	-Deriv	ative	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired	Dis	osed o	f, or	Bene	eficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I					2A. Deemed Execution Date of any (Month/Day/Year)		Code	action (Instr.	Disposed	ties Acquired (A) on l Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a			5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F Reporter	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Transact	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock 05/07					7/2003			A ⁽¹⁾		1,000)	A	29.39	4,	4,047		D ⁽²⁾		
	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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemee Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date, T	Code (Ins		n of E		Expiration	. Date Exercisable and :xpiration Date Month/Day/Year)		d 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	N C	mount or lumber of shares					
Option (Right to Buy)	29.39	05/07/2003			A		4,000		05/07/200	4 ⁽³⁾ 0	5/07/2013	Com		4,000	\$29.39	4,000		D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Common Stock was awarded under 2003 Stock Plan, subject to restrictions that will lapse on May 7, 2006, unless earlier forfeited.
- 2. Restricted Shares
- $3.\ Options\ become \ exercisable\ in\ annual\ cumulative\ installments\ of\ 20\%\ of\ the\ number\ of\ options\ granted.$

Scott S Cowen

05/09/2003

** 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 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).

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