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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* SOVEY WILLIAM P						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC [NWL]								(Che	elationship o ck all applic Directo			on(s) to Iss 10% Ov		
(Last)	(Fi	st) (Middle)				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2003									Officer below)	(give title	Other (specif below)		specify	
(Street)						4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line	5. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Si	ate)	(Zip)										1	_	led by More than One Reporting					
		Tab	le I - Noi	n-Deriv	ative	e Se	curitie	s Ac	quired	, Dis	posed o	f, or	Bene	ficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D						Execution Dat			Code	action (Instr.	Disposed	ties Acquired (A) I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4				es ally following	Form (D) o	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(4	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 05/07					7/200	/2003		A ⁽¹⁾		1,000 ⁽²⁾ A		29.39	337	7,712		D				
	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. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Day	Date,	4. Transactic Code (Inst		n of E		Expiration	5. Date Exercisab Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		Amou Secui Unde Deriva	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership tt (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title	0 N 0	lumber						
Option (Right to Buy)	29.39	05/07/2003			A		4,000		05/07/200	4 ⁽⁶⁾	05/07/2013	Comm		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
- $6. \ Options \ become \ exercisable \ in \ annual \ installments \ of \ 20\% \ of \ the \ number \ of \ options \ granted.$

William P Sovey

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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