

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Sovey, William P.
97 Hird Lane
Cottage 493
Sea Island, GA 31561
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Newell Rubbermaid Inc. (NWL)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
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4. Statement for Month/Year
5/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director () 10% Owner
() Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
() Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

TABLE I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
Common Stock			Amount	A/D	Price	329754	D	
Common Stock						7508.7214	I	401 (k) Plan

TABLE II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
								Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
Title of Derivative Security	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	Transac- tion Date (Month/ Day/Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	at End of Month	In- direct (I)	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.8125				11/08/2010	Common Stock		50000	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$19.9375				07/31/2002	Common Stock		30000	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$26				02/04/2006	Common Stock		35000	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.34	05/09/2002	A	2000	05/09/2012	Common Stock 2000	\$35.3400	2000	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.5				05/07/2007	Common Stock		23600	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$42.5				01/01/2008	Common Stock		10000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Options become exercisable in annual installments of 20% on the number of options granted.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ William P. Sovey

DATE
06/06/2002