

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Cowen, Scott S.
218 Gibson Hall, Tulane Univ.
6823 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70118
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
12/2002
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/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)	2A.Execu- tion Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Year	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
				Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock						3047	D		
Common Stock						1220	I	By Wife	
Common Stock						500	I	Scott Cowen IRA	
Common Shares, Par Value \$1						0	D		
Common Shares, Par Value \$1						0	I	RB Deferred Comp Plan	

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

1.	2.	3.	3A.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
Title of Derivative Security	Deriv- ative Price of	(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Month/ Day/ Year)	Transac- tion Code	Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) Disposed(D)	Date Exer- cisable (Month/Day/Year)	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Amount or Number	Price of Derivative Security	Benefi- cially Owned at End of Year	ity: Direct (D) or In- direct (I)	Nature of direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
Option (Right to Buy)	\$35.34					05/09/2012	Common Stock		2000	D	
Option (Right to Buy)	\$46.9375					03/24/2009	Common Stock		10000	D	
Dividend Equivalent	\$0	03/11/2 002		A	4.961		Common Stock	4.961	\$0.0000	D	
Dividend Equivalent	\$0	06/10/2 002		A	4.872		Common Stock	4.872	\$0.0000	799.032 D	

Explanation of Responses:

Dividend Equivalent credited under Deferred Compensation Plan; becomes payable upon distribution from the Plan.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Scott S. Cowen

DATE
02/10/2003