

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/Day/Year
12/12/2002
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)	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 Reported Transaction(s)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of In- direct Bene- ficial Owner- ship
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	Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Execu- 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	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned	Owner- ship Form of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Benefi- cially Owned (D) or (I)	Nature of In- direct 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	12/10/2 002	A	5.337			Common Stock	5.337	\$0.0000	789.199	D

Explanation of Responses:

Reflects already acquired dividend equivalent rights as previously reported on Table I as the Rubbermaid Deferred Compensation Plan.

Dividend Equivalent becomes payable upon distribution from the Plan

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
/s/ Scott S. Cowen

DATE
12/12/2002