

RYDER SYSTEM INC

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SWIENTON GREGORY T

FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	11690 N.W. 105TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33178
Telephone	3055003726
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Symbol	R
SIC Code	7510 - Automotive Rental And Leasing, Without Drivers
Industry	Rental & Leasing
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	12/31

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
SWIENTON GREGORY T		RYDER SYSTEM INC [R]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Chairman, President & CEO	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
3600 N.W. 82ND AVENUE		2/12/2004			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
MIAMI, FL 33166				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	2/12/2004		A		15000.0000 (1)	A	\$0	69500.0000	D	
Common Stock								1735.0000	I	By Ryder Employee Savings Plan

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$36.8800	2/12/2004		A		150000.0000		(2)	2/12/2011	Common Stock	150000.0000	\$0	150000.0000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Represents shares of restricted stock granted to the reporting person by the Company. The restricted stock vests in three equal installments on February 12, 2005, February 12, 2006 and February 12, 2007.
- (2) The stock options vest in three equal installments on February 12, 2005, February 12, 2006 and February 12, 2007.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SWIENTON GREGORY T 3600 N.W. 82ND AVENUE MIAMI, FL 33166	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Richard H. Siegel, by power of attorney

2/17/2004

** 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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