

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 WHITEMAN, JOSEPH D.  
 17325 EUCLID AVENUE  
 CLEVELAND, OH 44112  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 PARKER HANNIFIN CORPORATION  
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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 May 31, 1997
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 ( ) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 ( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security Indirect Ownership	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month Price	6. Director (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership
<S> Common	<C>	<C>	<C><C>	<C> <C> 2142.1574(1)	<C>	<C>
----- Common	5/6/97	M	796(2)	A \$28.00 23,329	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	3. Transaction Date	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month
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Option to buy	\$28.00	5/6/9 M		1,750	D	8/31/ 8/30/	Common stock	1750(2)	(3)	0(4)	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

- (1) As of March 31, 1997, the most recent date for which information is available in the Retirement Savings Plan.
- (2) "Pyramid" stock option exercise resulting in net acquisition of 796 shares.
- (3) Granted under the Parker-Hannifin Corporation 1993 Stock Incentive Program.
- (4) Mr. Whiteman also owns 19,000 additional options which were granted pursuant to the Corporation's Employee Stock Option Plans, at various exercise prices and expiration dates as previously reported.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 Thomas L. Meyer, Attorney-in-Fact

DATE  
 June 10, 1997