

# GREIF INC

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

Filed 4/5/2005 For Period Ending 4/4/2005

Address	425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, Ohio 43015
Telephone	740-549-6000
CIK	0000043920
Industry	Containers & Packaging
Sector	Basic Materials
Fiscal Year	10/31

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE  
COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

OMB APPROVAL  
OMB Number: 3235-0287  
Expires: January 31, 2008  
Estimated average burden  
hours per response... 0.5

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

## 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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>Patton Michael C</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>425 WINTER ROAD</b>  <small>(Street)</small>  <b>DELAWARE, OH 43015</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>GREIF INC [ GEF,GEF.B ]</b>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>4/4/2005</b></p>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>SR VP-Transformation Worldwide</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**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			
Class A Common Stock	4/4/2005		M		5000	A	\$29.875	5000	D	
Class A Common Stock	4/4/2005		M		6000	A	\$30.59	11000	D	
Class A Common Stock	4/4/2005		S		5000	D	\$72.00	6000	D	
Class A Common Stock	4/4/2005		S		6000	D	\$72.501	0 (1)	D	

**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				
Class A Common Stock Options	\$29.875	4/4/2005		M		5000		2/28/2002	2/28/2010	Class A Common Stock	5000	\$29.875	21750	D	
Class A Common Stock Options	\$30.59	4/4/2005		M		6000		9/5/2003	9/5/2011	Class A Common Stock	6000	\$30.59	15750	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) The reporting person does not own any Greif Class A Common Stock.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10%	Officer	Other

**Signatures**

**Michael C. Patton  
by John K. Dieker**

		Owner		
Patton Michael C 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015			SR VP-Transformation Worldwide	

**pursuant to a POA  
filed with the  
Commission.**

**4/5/2005**

\*\* 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**End of Filing**

Powered By **EDGAR**  
Online

© 2005 | EDGAR Online, Inc.