

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the
Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
Patton Michael C			11/1/2004		GREIF INC [GEF,GEF.B]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
425 WINTER ROAD			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) SR VP-Transformation Worldwide /				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
DELAWARE, OH 43015					<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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	0 (1)	D	
Class B Common Stock	0 (2)	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Class A Common Stock Options (Right to Buy)	9/1/2001	9/1/2009	Class A Common Stock	5000	\$24.25	D	
Class A Common Stock Options (Right to Buy)	9/5/2003	9/5/2011	Class A Common Stock	6000	\$30.59	D	
Class A Common Stock Options (Right to Buy)	9/5/2004	9/5/2012	Class A Common	7000	\$26.20	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
			Stock				
Class A Common Stock Options (Right to Buy)	9/9/2005	9/9/2013	Class A Common Stock	1750	\$25.43	D	

Explanation of Responses:

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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Patton Michael C 425 WINTER ROAD DELAWARE, OH 43015			SR VP-Transformation Worldwide	

Signatures

Michael C. Patton by John K. Dieker Pursuant to a POA filed with the Commission.

11/2/2004

** 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 5(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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GREIF, INC.

POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR
FORMS 3, 4, AND 5 FILINGS

The undersigned, an officer and/or director of Greif, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), hereby constitutes and appoints Gary R. Martz, John K. Dieker, and Robert S. Zimmerman, and each of them, my true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power to act without the other, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place, and stead, in any and all of my capacities for the Company, to sign all Forms 3, 4, or 5 required to be filed by me with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including any and all amendments to any of the foregoing, relating to the Company, and to file the same with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or their or his substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

The undersigned has executed and delivered this Power of Attorney on the date set forth below.

Dated: 10/26/04

/s/ Michael C. Patton
Signature of Officer/Director

Michael C. Patton, Senior Vice President Transformation
Worldwide
Print Name and Title