

# WAL MART STORES INC

Reported by  
**COUGHLIN THOMAS M**

## FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	702 SOUTHWEST 8TH ST BENTONVILLE, AR 72716
Telephone	5012734000
CIK	0000104169
Symbol	WMT
SIC Code	5331 - Variety Stores
Industry	Retail (Department & Discount)
Sector	Services
Fiscal Year	01/31

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

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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>COUGHLIN THOMAS M</b>  (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET</b>  (Street)  <b>BENTONVILLE, AR 72716</b>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>WAL MART STORES INC</b> <b>[ WMT ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right">_____ 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right">_____ Other (specify below)</span> <b>Vice Chairman of the Board</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>8/31/2004</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing</b> (Check Applicable Line)  <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</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)		

**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	8/31/2004	8/31/2004	M		12670.00	A	\$11.375	350928.00	D	
Common Stock	8/31/2004	8/31/2004	F		2736.00	D	\$52.67	348192.00	D	
Common Stock								39171.00	I	By ESOP
Common Stock								14326.00	I	By Family LLC
Common Stock								29637.00	I	By Gift Trust
Common Stock								220.00	I	By Irrevocable Trust
Common Stock								71626.00	I	By Trust

**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)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option	\$11.3750	8/31/2004	8/31/2004	M		12670.00	8/31/2004	11/17/2004	Common Stock	12670.00	\$11.375	0.00	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

<b>COUGHLIN THOMAS M</b> <b>702 SOUTHWEST 8TH STREET</b> <b>BENTONVILLE, AR 72716</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Vice Chairman of the Board</b>	
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**Signatures**

/s/ Samuel A. Guess, By Power of Attorney

8/31/2004

\*\* 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).

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