

AIRGAS INC  
Form 3  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Hooper Max D</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O AIRGAS, INC.,Â 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>RADNOR,Â PAÂ 19087</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/01/2005</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>AIRGAS INC [ARG]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>Division President-West</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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**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)
Common Stock	5,326 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock	403 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	07/01/2006	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 19.25	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	05/16/2010	Common Stock	2,945	\$ 5.5	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(3)</u>	05/08/2011	Common Stock	5,500	\$ 8.99	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(4)</u>	05/06/2012	Common Stock	11,800	\$ 16.52	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(5)</u>	05/12/2013	Common Stock	10,900	\$ 19.22	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(6)</u>	05/25/2014	Common Stock	9,900	\$ 21.15	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <u>(7)</u>	05/24/2015	Common Stock	10,300	\$ 24.09	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hooper Max D C/O AIRGAS, INC. 259 N. RADNOR-CHESTER ROAD, SUITE 100 RADNOR, PA 19087	Â	Â	Â Division President-West	Â

## Signatures

Max Hooper 02/28/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Includes 5,326 shares of Airgas, Inc. common stock acquired pursuant to Airgas, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP") as of 12/1/05, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's ESPP holdings.
- (2) The information presented is as of 12/1/2005, the date of the latest available statement of the reporting person's holdings of Airgas, Inc. common stock in his 401(k) plan.
- (3) These options are fully exercisable.
- (4) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/6/2003, 5/6/2004, 5/6/2005 and 5/6/2006.

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- (5) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/12/2004, 5/12/2005, 5/12/2006 and 5/12/2007.
- (6) These options have or will become exercisable, as applicable, in 25% annual increments on each of 5/25/2005, 5/25/2006, 5/25/2007 and 5/25/2008.
- (7) These options will become exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of 5/24/2006, 5/24/2007, 5/24/2008 and 5/24/2009.

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