

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CRUMLEY THEODORE</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED</u> <u>150 PIERCE ROAD</u> (Street) <u>ITASCA IL 60143</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/11/2005</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OFFICEMAX INC [OMX]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Interim Exec. V.P. & CFO</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

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	75,447	D	
Common Stock	25,822.3731	I	By 401(k) Plan ⁽¹⁾
Preferred Stock	884.3731	I	By ESOP Trust ⁽¹⁾

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/28/1996	07/28/2005	Common Stock	19,600	43.875	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/29/1996	09/29/2005	Common Stock	3,300	40.625	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/26/1997	07/26/2006	Common Stock	22,900	31.375	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/25/1998	07/25/2007	Common Stock	24,300	36.875	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/31/1999	07/31/2008	Common Stock	28,700	28.875	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/11/2000	02/12/2009	Common Stock	5,400	29.375	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/29/2000	07/30/2009	Common Stock	45,000	38.0625	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/27/2001	07/28/2010	Common Stock	37,500	27.5	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/27/2001	09/28/2010	Common Stock	23,500	24.75	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/26/2002	07/27/2011	Common Stock	72,600	35.6	D
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/24/2003	07/25/2012	Common Stock	86,700	27.76	D
Phantom Stock Units	(2)	(3)	Common Stock	4,270.6257	(4)	D

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents number of shares beneficially owned as of January 14, 2005, based on information from plan administrator.
- Vested in participant stock units (and related dividend equivalent stock units) at all times. Company matching stock units (and related dividend equivalent stock units) vest as follows: (a) 100% upon participant's death, disability, or early or normal retirement; (b) 100% upon a change in control of the company; (c) 100% upon involuntary termination for reasons other than disciplinary reasons or termination as a result of the sale or permanent closure of a company facility, operating unit, or division; and (d) 20% on each anniversary of the date account was first credited with stock units under the plan. 20% is cumulative -- after 5 years, participant is completely vested in all stock units in his or her account, including any stock units allocated to the account in the future.
- Shares of phantom stock are payable in shares of common stock in accordance with the participant's Deferred Compensation Distribution Election Agreement, except in the case of a change in control, in which case payment may be made in either cash or stock.
- Each phantom stock unit is equal in value to one share of the company's common stock.

Remarks:

/s/ Theodore Crumley

01/21/2005

** 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 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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