

UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 SNIDER STEPHEN A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 UNIVERSAL COMPRESSION HOLDINGS INC [UCO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/11/2006

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Chairman, President and CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77041

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006		S	1,000	D \$ 63.15	99,628 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006		S	500	D \$ 63.13	99,128 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006		S	2,100	D \$ 63.1	97,028 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par	05/11/2006		S	300	D \$ 63.08	96,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

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value \$0.01

Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	400	D	\$ 63.07	96,328 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 63.05	93,328 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	300	D	\$ 63.04	93,028 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	3,400	D	\$ 63.03	89,628 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	700	D	\$ 63.02	88,928 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	4,000	D	\$ 63	84,928 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	400	D	\$ 62.99	84,528 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	400	D	\$ 62.98	84,128 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	100	D	\$ 62.96	84,028 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	300	D	\$ 62.95	83,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	100	D	\$ 62.91	83,628 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	500	D	\$ 62.9	83,128 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 62.89	82,128 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	400	D	\$ 62.88	81,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
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Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	100	D	\$ 62.87	81,628 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	400	D	\$ 62.85	81,228 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	100	D	\$ 62.83	81,128 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	700	D	\$ 62.82	80,428 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	700	D	\$ 62.81	79,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	900	D	\$ 62.8	78,828 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	600	D	\$ 62.78	78,228 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	500	D	\$ 62.77	77,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	100	D	\$ 62.76	77,628 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	900	D	\$ 62.75	76,728 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	500	D	\$ 62.74	76,228 <sup>(1)</sup>	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01	05/11/2006	S	800	D	\$ 62.73	75,428 <sup>(1)</sup>	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				Amount or Number of Shares
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
SNIDER STEPHEN A 4444 BRITTMOORE ROAD HOUSTON, TX 77041	X		Chairman, President and CEO		

## Signatures

D. Bradley Childers, Attorney-in-fact for Stephen A. Snider  
 Date: 05/15/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) Includes 1,339 shares through the Employee Supplemental Savings Plan, 1,271 shares through the 401(k) Plan and 4,116 shares through the Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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