

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gebhard Brad (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY, 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE (Street) PORTLAND, OR 97229 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 05/18/2006	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR CO [COLM]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP/Footwear	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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

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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 (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			
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	10/11/2006 ⁽¹⁾	10/10/2015	Common Stock	7,500	\$ 44.96	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Gebhard Brad C/O COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR COMPANY 14375 NW SCIENCE PARK DRIVE PORTLAND, OR 97229			VP/Footwear	

Signatures

Peter J. Bragdon, Attorney-in-Fact	05/30/2006
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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) Option becomes exercisable as follows: 25 percent becomes exercisable on October 11, 2006, and the remaining 75 percent becomes exercisable ratably over the next 36 months.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *See* Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

(Section 16(a) Reporting)

The undersigned, an officer director and/or shareholder of Columbia Sportswear Company (the "Company") does hereby constitute and appoint Timothy P. Boyle, Patrick D. Anderson, Peter J. Bragdon, and Bryan L. Timm, and any of them, his true and lawful attorney and agent to execute in his name any and all reports required to be filed under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 with respect to equity securities of the Company; and to file the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission and any applicable stock exchange; and the undersigned does hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys and agents, or any of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney revokes all prior Powers of Attorney relating to reporting under Section 16 with respect to the Company's securities and shall remain in effect until revoked by a subsequently filed instrument.

DATED: May 24, 2006

/s/ Brad Gebhard

Brad Gebhard