

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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Rowsey Michael D</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) OFFICEMAX INCORPORATED 150 PIERCE ROAD <hr/> (Street) ITASCA IL 60143 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>OFFICEMAX INC [OMX]</u> <hr/> 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) <p style="text-align: center;"><u>President-Contract</u></p>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 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
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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	31,485	D	
Common Stock	1,200	I	By Trust ⁽¹⁾
Preferred Stock	103.9271	I	By ESOP Trust ⁽²⁾

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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/27/2001	07/28/2010	Common Stock	9,600	27.5	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/26/2002	07/27/2011	Common Stock	9,000	35.6	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/24/2003	07/25/2012	Common Stock	11,700	27.76	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Held by Rowsey Investment Trust, Cynthia S. Rowsey, Trustee.

2. Represents number of shares beneficially owned as of October 29, 2004, based on information from the plan administrator.

Remarks:

Michael D. Rowsey

11/02/2004

** 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 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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