

BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Burtch Douglas R		(Month/Day/Year)	BRISTOL WEST HOLDINGS INC [BRW]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		02/20/2007		
5701 STIRLING ROAD			(Check all applicable)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
	(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
DAVIE,Â FLÂ 33314			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Sr. VP - Marketing	

**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	17,213	D	Â

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 (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â (1)	08/02/2009	Common Stock	20,076	\$ 3.83	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â (2)	01/01/2011	Common Stock	6,519	\$ 3.83	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â (3)	01/01/2012	Common Stock	3,260	\$ 3.83	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â (4)	05/01/2013	Common Stock	978	\$ 7.67	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	Â (5)	04/05/2014	Common Stock	418	\$ 20.91	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Burtch Douglas R 5701 STIRLING ROAD DAVIE, FL 33314	Â	Â	Â Sr. VP - Marketing	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Richard W. Probert, by Power of Attorney for Reporting Person 02/26/2007

\_\_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) These options became exercisable in five annual installments of August 2, 2000, August 2, 2001, August 2, 2002, August 2, 2003 and August 2, 2004
- (2) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on January 1, 2002 and January 1, 2003
- (3) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on January 1, 2003 and January 1, 2004
- (4) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on May 1, 2004 and May 1, 2005
- (5) These options became exercisable in two annual installments on April 5, 2005 and April 5, 2006

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