FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Cochran Donald B   |         |  | . Date of Event<br>Requiring Stater<br>Month/Day/Year<br>12/10/2005 | nent  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Universal Truckload Services, Inc. [ UACL ] |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---------|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O UNIVERSAL TRUCKLOAD SERVICES, INC.   |         |  |   | Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)     Director     Officer (give title) |   | on(s) to Issue<br>10% Owne<br>Other (spe | r (N                                   | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  |   |  |  |  |
| 11355 STEPHENS ROAD  |         |  |   |   | X below)  President and   | below)                                   | ´   6.                                 | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     Y Form filed by One Reporting Person |   |  |  |  |
| (Street) WARREN MI 48089   |         |  |   |   |   |  |  |   | y More than One   |  |  |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |         |  |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |         |  |   | 2. Amount of Securities<br>Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)                                      |   |  |  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)   |   |  |  |  |
| 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<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | d 3. Title and Amount of Securitie<br>Underlying Derivative Security (                        |   |  | 4.<br>Conversion                       | e Form:   | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |  |  |  |
|  |         |  | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date  | n Title   |  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)                 |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)  |         | 02/10/2005   | 02/10/2012  | 2 Co  | ommon Stock, no par<br>value  | 55,000                                   | (1)                                    | D   |   |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The exercise price will be equal to the closing price of the Common Stock of Universal Truckload Services, Inc. on the first day of trading.

Donald B. Cochran 02/07/2005

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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