# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

**Current Report** 

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 15, 2005

# The Manitowoc Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **1-11978** (Commission File Number) **39-0448110** (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**2400 S. 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54221-0066** (Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(920) 684-4410 (Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

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### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 15, 2005, The Manitowoc Company, Inc. announced that Terry D. Growcock, chairman of the board and chief executive officer, has adopted a written plan for the purpose of selling limited amounts of company stock. See press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated March 15, 2005.

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#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE MANITOWOC COMPANY, INC. (Registrant)

DATE: March 21, 2005

/s/ Thomas G. Musial Thomas G. Musial Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Administration

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# Dated as of March 15, 2005

Exhibit No.

99.1 Press release dated March 15, 2005

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