

Minson Roy E.  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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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 \*

Minson Roy E.  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)  
05/07/2012

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AeroVironment Inc [AVAV]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

C/O AEROVIRONMENT,  
INC., 181 W. HUNTINGTON  
DRIVE, SUITE 202

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
(give title below) (specify below)  
SVP and GM

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MONROVIA, CA 91016

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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	12,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	3,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	10,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	^
Common Stock	10,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	D	^

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)**

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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			
Stock Options (Right to Purchase)	Â (5)	06/30/2020	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 26.18	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Minson Roy E. C/O AEROVIRONMENT, INC. 181 W. HUNTINGTON DRIVE, SUITE 202 MONROVIA, CA 91016	Â	Â	Â SVP and GM	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Marco Quihuis, 05/17/2012  
Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_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) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 3,000 shares on each of June 30, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (2) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 3,000 shares on June 30, 2012.
- (3) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 2,000 shares on each of July 11, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- (4) The shares are subject to a right of forfeiture in favor of the Company that lapses with respect to 2,000 shares on each of April 4, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (5) The options vest in five equal annual installments beginning one year from June 30, 2010.

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