

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIESFiled 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>Downing Steven R</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>14814 CREEK EDGE DRIVE</u>  (Street) <u>HOLLAND MI 49424</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/21/2013</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>GENTEX CORP [ GNTX ]</u>	
		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) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)  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

## 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)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>6,475</u>	<u>D</u>	

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			
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>09/30/2009<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>09/30/2013</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>14.3<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>09/28/2010<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>09/28/2014</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>14.25<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>09/30/2011<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>09/30/2015</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>3,150</u>	<u>19.525<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>09/29/2012<sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>09/29/2016</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>24.96<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>09/27/2013<sup>(3)</sup></u>	<u>09/27/2019</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>17.27<sup>(2)</sup></u>	<u>D</u>	

## Explanation of Responses:

- These shares become exercisable as to 25% one year after date of grant and an additional 25% at each ensuing anniversary date.
- Options granted under the Gentex Corporation Employee Stock Option Plan which is a Rule 16B plan.
- These shares become exercisable as to 20% one year after date of grant and an additional 20% at each ensuing anniversary date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Steven R. Downing05/28/2013

\*\* 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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