

Boulier Paul R.
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Boulier Paul R. (Last) (First) (Middle) 3550 WEST MARKET STREET (Street) AKRON, Â OHÂ 44333 (City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/02/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) V.P. & Chief Marketing Officer</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p>
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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 ⁽¹⁾	4,100	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) Date Exercisable Expiration Date	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title Amount or Number of	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)
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				Shares		(I)	
						(Instr. 5)	
Performance Shares ⁽²⁾	Â ⁽²⁾	Â ⁽²⁾	Common Stock	15,800	\$ ⁽³⁾		D Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Boulier Paul R. 3550 WEST MARKET STREET AKRON, OH 44333	Â	Â	Â V.P. & Chief Marketing Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, attorney in fact for Paul R. Boulier 08/28/2009

__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) Grant of restricted stock pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. (the "Company") 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan"). Under the 2006 Plan, restrictions on stock awards lapse at a rate of 33 1/3% on January 16th of 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- (2) Grant of Performance Shares pursuant to the 2006 Plan, which may be settled for shares of common stock upon the occurrence of specific criteria on January 16, 2012 (the "Settlement Date"). On the Settlement Date, vesting of Performance Shares will be determined based upon: (1) the performance of the Company's shares relative to a group of peer companies in the S&P Special Chemicals Index, as measured by total shareholder returns from the Grant Date to the Settlement Date (the "Performance Period"); and (2) whether the Company's total shareholder returns during the Performance Period are positive or negative. All Performance Shares that do not vest as of the Settlement Date will be forfeited.
- (3) On the Settlement Date, all vested Performance Shares will be settled for shares of the Company's common stock on a 1-to-1 basis.

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