

Axline William
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Axline William

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 13000 WEST SILVER SPRING DRIVE
 (Street)

BUTLER, WI 53007

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ACTUANT CORP [ATU]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 01/09/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive VP, Electrical

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2009		A		15,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	<u>(2)</u> 15,000
Class A Common Stock						I	12,000 By IRA
Class A Common Stock						I	27,957 By Trust

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) ⁽³⁾	\$ 18.42	01/09/2009		A	51,700	⁽⁴⁾	01/09/2019	Class A Common Stock	51,700

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Axline William 13000 WEST SILVER SPRING DRIVE BUTLER, WI 53007			Executive VP, Electrical	

Signatures

/s/ Eric Orsic, as Attorney-in-Fact 01/13/2009

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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) Restricted stock granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (4) Fifty percent of the option becomes exercisable on 01/09/2012, and the balance becomes exercisable on 01/09/2014.

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