

NOVAK ERNEST J JR  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
NOVAK ERNEST J JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3550 W. MARKET STREET

(Street)

AKRON, OH 44333

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
04/09/2009

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)

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)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security			or Disposed of (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	An or Nu of Sh
			(A)	(D)				
	Code	V	(A)	(D)				
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(1)</sup>			04/09/2009				Common Stock	2
Restricted Stock Units <sup>(2)</sup>			04/11/2009		04/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	04/11/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	Common Stock	

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVAK ERNEST J JR 3550 W. MARKET STREET AKRON, OH 44333			X	

### Signatures

/s/ Aaron S. Berke, attorney in fact for Ernest J. Novak 04/13/2009

\_\_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) Award represents a grant of stock-settled Restricted Stock Units pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. (the "Company") 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan") on April 9, 2009 (the "Grant Date"). Pursuant to the terms of the award agreement, such stock-settled Restricted Stock Units are fully vested as of the Grant Date and shall be settled in shares of the Company's common stock, on a 1-to-1 basis, no later than 60 days after the third anniversary of the award Grant Date.
- (2) Disposition represents the settlement of 167 cash-settled Restricted Stock Units pursuant to the 2006 Plan. Under the 2006 Plan, cash-settled Restricted Stock Units are settled in cash by the Company in an amount equal to the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the applicable vesting date. As originally reported, Mr. Novak was granted 500 cash-settled Restricted Stock Units on April 11, 2007, 167 of which vested on April 11, 2009.
- (3) Price reflects the closing price of the Company's common stock on April 9, 2009.

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