

RPM INTERNATIONAL INC/DE/  
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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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

|                                           |         |                                      |                                                                            |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * |         | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol                         |                                                                        |
| THOMAS ERNEST T                           |         | (Month/Day/Year)                     | RPM INTERNATIONAL INC/DE/ [RPM]                                            |                                                                        |
| (Last)                                    | (First) | (Middle)                             | 08/01/2007                                                                 |                                                                        |
| 2628 PEARL ROAD, P.O. BOX 777             |         |                                      | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer                           | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                   |
| (Street)                                  |         |                                      | (Check all applicable)                                                     |                                                                        |
| MEDINA, OH 44258                          |         |                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner       | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)             |
| (City)                                    | (State) | (Zip)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person |
|                                           |         |                                      | Chief Financial Officer                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.01 par value     | 24,000 <sup>(1)</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)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4)<br><br>Title | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:<br>Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
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|               | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date |              | Amount or Number of Shares |        | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|---|
| Phantom Stock | Â (2)            | Â (2)           | Common Stock | 559 (3)                    | \$ (4) | D                          | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                         | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|                                                                        | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| THOMAS ERNEST T<br>2628 PEARL ROAD<br>P.O. BOX 777<br>MEDINA, OH 44258 | Â             | Â         | Â Chief Financial Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Melissa M. Gleespen as attorney-in-fact for Ernest Thomas under Power of Attorney 08/08/2007

\_\_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) Granted as Performance Contingent Restricted Stock, pursuant to the RPM International Inc. 2004 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
- (2) Upon cessation of employment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RPM International Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended.
- (3) These phantom stock units are held in the reporting person's account under the RPM International Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended.
- (4) 1-for-1

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