

RPM INTERNATIONAL INC/DE/  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Slifstein Barry</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>2628 PEARL ROAD, P.O. BOX 777</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>MEDINA, OH 44258</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>10/10/2008</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>RPM INTERNATIONAL INC/DE/ [RPM]</p>	<p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Vice President and Controller</p>	<p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><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, \$0.01 par value	6,838 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	1,010 <sup>(2)</sup>	I	By 401(k) Plan

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)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (3)	10/11/2012	Common Stock	4,500	\$ 14.08	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (4)	10/10/2013	Common Stock	4,000	\$ 14.1	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â (5)	10/29/2014	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 17.63	D	Â
Stock Appreciation Rights	Â (6)	10/05/2015	Common Stock	5,000	\$ 17.65	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Slifstein Barry 2628 PEARL ROAD P.O. BOX 777 MEDINA, OH 44258	Â	Â	Â Vice President and Controller	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Gregory S. Harvey as attorney-in-fact for Barry Slifstein under Power of Attorney 10/14/2008

\_\_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) Includes an aggregate of 905 shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the 2007 RPM International Inc. Restricted Stock Plan and 4,000 shares of Common Stock, issued as Performance Earned Restricted Stock, pursuant to the RPM International Inc. 2004 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan.
  - (2) Approximate number of shares held as of October 10, 2008 in the account of reporting person by Wachovia Bank, N.A., as Trustee of the RPM International Inc. 401(k) Trust and Plan, as amended.
  - (3) The option vests in four equal installments on October 11, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.
  - (4) The option vests in four equal installments on October 10, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.
  - (5) The option vests in four equal installments on October 29, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
  - (6) The Stock Appreciation Rights vest in four equal installments, beginning on October 5, 2006.

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