

SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC  
 Form 3  
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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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 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>Â THOMPSON PETER J</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNAT'L, INC.,Â 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, SUITE 600</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>ALPHARETTAÂ 30022</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/22/2009</p>	<p>3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>SCHWEITZER MAUDUIT INTERNATIONAL INC [SWM]</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)                  Treas, CFO &amp; Strat Plan Off.</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)
SWM Common Stock	27,612 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

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 (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	(Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	(Instr. 5)
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	01/08/2002 <sup>(2)</sup>	01/07/2011	SWM Common Stock	9,528	\$ 19.35	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	01/15/2003 <sup>(3)</sup>	01/14/2012	SWM Common Stock	6,660	\$ 23.045	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	01/02/2004 <sup>(4)</sup>	01/01/2013	SWM Common Stock	15,900	\$ 24.525	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	01/02/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	01/01/2014	SWM Common Stock	9,650	\$ 30.165	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	01/03/2006 <sup>(6)</sup>	01/02/2015	SWM Common Stock	12,300	\$ 33.55	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMPSON PETER J C/O SCHWEITZER-MAUDUIT INTERNAT'L, INC. 100 NORTH POINT CENTER EAST, SUITE 600 ALPHARETTA, GA 30022	Â	Â	Â Treas, CFO & Strat Plan Off.	Â

## Signatures

Honor Winks as Attorney in Fact for Pete Thompson 01/26/2009

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) Includes 3,377 shares of SWM common stock acquired through the 401(k) Plan.
- (2) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/8/2004.
- (3) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/15/2005.
- (4) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/2/2006
- (5) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/2/2007.
- (6) Grant became fully exercisable on 1/3/2008.

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