

ACTUANT CORP  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
PETERSON ROBERT A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

N86 W12500 WESTBROOK  
CROSSING

(Street)

MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/09/2012

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Class A Common Stock					16,400	I	By IRA
Class A Common Stock					3,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Trust for Benefit of Son
Class A Common Stock					3,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	By Trust for Benefit of Daughter
Class A					7,643	D	

Common  
Stock

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V	(A)	(D)
Phantom Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	03/09/2012		A	575	<sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup>	Class A Common Stock	575 \$ 28.2

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PETERSON ROBERT A N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING MENOMONEE FALLS, WI 53051				X

## Signatures

/s/ Eric Orsic, as Attorney-in-Fact 03/13/2012

<sup>(2)</sup>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) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the trust.
- (2)

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Pursuant to the Outside Director's Deferred Compensation Plan, the phantom stock units are settled in stock generally following the director's termination of service.

(3) The phantom stock is converted 1 for 1 into shares of Class A Common Stock.

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