

# 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* Axline William			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ACTUANT CORP [ATU]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ____ Director ____ 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) Executive VP, Electrical		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 13000 WEST SILVER SPRING DRIVE			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/09/2009					
(Street) BUTLER, WI 53007			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person ____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City) (State) (Zip)			<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	01/09/2009		A		15,000	A	(1)	15,000	D	
Class A Common Stock								12,000	I	By IRA
Class A Common Stock								27,957	I	By Trust

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)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Employee Stock Option (right to buy) (3)	\$ 18.42	01/09/2009		A	51,700		(4)	01/09/2019	Class A Common Stock	51,700	\$ 0	51,700	D	

### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Axline William 13000 WEST SILVER SPRING DRIVE BUTLER, WI 53007			Executive VP, Electrical	

### Signatures

/s/ Eric Orsic, as Attorney-in-Fact	01/13/2009
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

### 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) Restricted stock granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Option granted under the Actuant Corporation 2009 Omnibus Incentive Plan.

(4) Fifty percent of the option becomes exercisable on 01/09/2012, and the balance becomes exercisable on 01/09/2014.

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