

PREFORMED LINE PRODUCTS CO
Form SC 13D/A
October 13, 2016

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 8)*

PREFORMED LINE PRODUCTS COMPANY

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, \$2 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

740444 10 4

(CUSIP Number)

Caroline S. Vaccariello

Preformed Line Products Company

660 Beta Drive

Mayfield Village, OH 44143

(440) 461-5200

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

September 9, 2016

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or Rule 13d-1(g), check the following box.

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Rule 13d-7(b) for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Robert G. Ruhlman

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see instructions)

(a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS (see instructions)

PF

5 CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF 7 SOLE VOTING POWER

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 224,515

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

EACH

REPORTING 504,564

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON

WITH: 224,515

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

504,564

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

729,079

12 CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see instructions)

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 11

14.22%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see instructions)

IN

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Robert G. Ruhlman (the Reporting Person) filed a Schedule 13G relating to the Common Shares, \$2 par value per share (Common Shares), of Preformed Line Products Company (the Company), an Ohio corporation, with principal offices at 660 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143, in November 2004, which was amended by in February 2003 and February 2004. In March 2004, the Reporting Person further amended his prior Schedule 13G filing by filing a Schedule 13D, which has been further amended by Schedule 13D/A filings in February 2005, September 2006, December 2008 and March 2013. All previous Schedule 13G and Schedule 13D filings by the Reporting Person are collectively referred to herein as the Schedule 13D.

This Amendment No. 8 to the Schedule 13D (this Amendment) amends the Items included below in the Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

- (a) The Reporting Person beneficially owns 729,079 Common Shares, or 14.22%.
- (b) The Reporting Person has sole voting and dispositive power with respect to 156,648 Common Shares, which includes (i) 156,648 shares held by the Preformed Line Products Deferred Compensation Plan of which the Reporting Person is trustee, (ii) 67,867 shares held by the Preformed Line Products Company Profit Sharing Trust of which the Reporting Person is trustee, (3) 1,861 shares held directly, (4) 350 shares held in an IRA.

The Reporting Person has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to 504,564 Common Shares, which includes (i) 34,656 Common Shares held in a trust for the benefit of the Reporting Person and his children and of which the Reporting Person and Randall M. Ruhlman serve as co-trustees, (ii) 46,656 Common Shares held in a trust for the benefit of Randall M. Ruhlman and his children and of which the Reporting Person and Randall M. Ruhlman serve as co-trustees, (iii) 400,452 Common Shares held in the Ethel B. Peterson Trust of which KeyCorp is the trustee and for which the Reporting Person and Randall M. Ruhlman act as co-Trust Advisors, (iv) 22,500 Common Shares held in the Irrevocable Trust between Barbara P. Ruhlman and Bernard L. Karr (the Irrevocable Trust) of which Bernard L. Karr is the trustee and for which the Reporting Person and Randall M. Ruhlman act as co-Trust Advisors, and (v) 300 Common Shares owned by the Reporting Person's wife, for which he shares voting and dispositive power with Abigail Ruhlman.

Randall M. Ruhlman serves as President of Ruhlman Motorsports. His business address is c/o Preformed Line Products Company, 660 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143. During the last five years, Randall M. Ruhlman has not been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors). During the last five years, Randall M. Ruhlman has not been a party to a civil proceeding of

a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining further violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws. Randall M. Ruhlman is a citizen of the United States.

- (c) On August 23, 2016, 25,974 of the Common Shares held by the Irrevocable Trust and 1,474 Common Shares held by the Thomas F. Peterson Foundation (the Foundation), of which the Reporting Person is a Trustee and Vice President, were acquired by the Company at a price of \$44.66 per share. On September 9, 2016, 827,820 of the Common Shares held by

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the Irrevocable Trust were disposed of in payment of a promissory note issued by the Irrevocable Trust, valued at a price of \$42.09 per share.

- (d) The Reporting Person, based on his percentage ownership of the Common Shares to which this statement relates, has the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from, any sale of such Common Shares. The Reporting Person holds interests that exceed 5% of the Common Shares.

- (e) Not applicable.

The percentages of Common Shares held set forth herein are based on 5,125,849 Common Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2016.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

Item 6 of the Schedule 13D is amended to add the following:

On August 23, 2016, the Company purchased at a price per share of \$44.66, 25,974 Common Shares from the Irrevocable Trust pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 23, 2016, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust, and 1,474 Common Shares from the Foundation pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 23, 2016, between the Company and the Foundation.

On August 11, 2015, the Company purchased at a price per share of \$35.00, 16,428 Common Shares from the Irrevocable Trust pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust, and 14,285 Common Shares from the Foundation pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, between the Company and the Foundation.

On August 14, 2014, the Company purchased at a price per share of \$54.83, 20,427 Common Shares from the Irrevocable Trust pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 14, 2014, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust, and 13,679 Common Shares from the Foundation pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 14, 2014, between the Company and the Foundation.

On May 9, 2013, the Company purchased at a price per share of \$76.87, 9,757 Common Shares from the Foundation pursuant to a Shares Purchase Agreement, dated May 9, 2013, between the Company and the Foundation.

Item 7. Exhibits

Item 7 of the Schedule 13D is amended to add the following:

- (a) Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 23, 2016, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 23, 2016).

- (b) Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 23, 2016, between the Company and the Foundation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 23, 2016).

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- (c) Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 11, 2015).
- (d) Shares Purchase Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, between the Company and the Foundation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 11, 2015).
- (e) Shares Purchase Agreement, August 14, 2014, between the Company and the Irrevocable Trust (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 15, 2014).
- (f) Shares Purchase Agreement, August 14, 2014, between the Company and the Foundation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 15, 2014).
- (g) Shares Purchase Agreement, May 9, 2013, between the Company and the Foundation (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 10, 2013).

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: October 13, 2016

By: /s/ Robert G. Ruhlman
Robert G. Ruhlman