

SCHULMAN A INC  
 Form 4  
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**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 \*  
**HOLLAND WILLARD R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2 SHADOW BROOK LANE

(Street)

SAVANNAH, GA 31411

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SCHULMAN A INC [SHLM]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**05/18/2005**

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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	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	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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Derivative Security				Code	V	(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						(A)	(D)				
Phantom Stock Units	\$ 21.41	05/18/2005	<u>(1)</u>	A		70.06	<u>(2)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Shares	70.06

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOLLAND WILLARD R 2 SHADOW BROOK LANE SAVANNAH, GA 31411			X	

## Signatures

/s/ Willard R. Holland, by Laura D. Nemeth as attorney-in-fact

05/20/2005

\_\_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) This field is not applicable.

(2) Pursuant to the A. Schulman, Inc. 2002 Equity Incentive Plan, directors may elect to defer all or a portion of their director fees by receiving Phantom Stock Units in lieu of such fees. The number of Phantom Stock Units received is calculated by dividing the amount of fees deferred by the closing price of the Issuer's Common Stock on the last business day of the preceding calendar year. Phantom Stock Units held by directors are credited with, and additional Phantom Stock Units are issued based on the amount of, dividends paid with respect to the Issuer's Common Stock from time to time. The Phantom Stock Units reflected in this Report were issued in lieu of director fees.

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