

STANLEY BLACK & DECKER, INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2017

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

January 1, 2017

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Connecticut

1-5224

06-0548860

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1000 Stanley Drive, New Britain, Connecticut

06053

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(860) 225-5111

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

Effective January 1, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Registrant approved amendments to the Company's Bylaws to reflect the separation of the roles of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and the elimination of the role of Lead Independent Director. See sections 7 and 12 of Article III and sections 1, 2 and 3 of Article IV. These amendments did not require shareholder approval.

The above summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amended provisions, which are contained in the Amended and Restated Bylaws attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and are incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(a) Not Applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Exhibits

3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws dated January 1, 2017

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.

*January 5, 2017*

By: */s/ Bruce H. Beatt*

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*Name: Bruce H. Beatt*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
3.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws dated January 1, 2017