

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM 4

Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### AMERICAN PRECISION INDUSTRIES INC

CIK: **5657** | IRS No.: **161284388** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **4** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-05601** | Film No.: **99573564**  
SIC: **3443** Fabricated plate work (boiler shops)

Mailing Address  
2777 WALDEN AVENUE  
BUFFALO NY 14225

Business Address  
2777 WALDEN AVE  
BUFFALO NY 14225  
7166849700

### REPORTING OWNER

#### OERTEL KLAUS

CIK: **1024214** | State of Incorporation: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **4**

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C/O AMERICAN PRECISION  
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 Oertel, Klaus  
 2777 Walden Avenue  
 Buffalo, NY 14225  
 USA
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 American Precision Industries Inc.  
 APR
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year  
 03/99
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner ( ) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)

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Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month A/D Price	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
<S> Common Stock, \$2/3 par value	<C> 03/15/99	<C> P	<C><C> 400	<C> <C> A \$9.00	<C> 1,800	<C> <C> D

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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date	4. Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Year	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
<S> Directors Stock Option	<C> \$3.201	<C> 01/01/99	<C> A	<C><C> 951	<C> <C> <C> <C> A 07/01/99 01/01/09	<C> <C> Common Stock 951	<C> 951	<C> 951	<C> <C> D	<C>

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Explanation of Responses:  
 SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON  
 /s/Deborah K. Pawlowski, Attorney - in - fact  
 DATE  
 3/26/99