

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

FORM SC 13G/A

Schedule filed to report acquisition of beneficial ownership of 5% or more of a class of equity securities by passive investors and certain institutions [amend]

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SUBJECT COMPANY

DEXTER CORP

CIK: **28582** | IRS No.: **060321410** | State of Incorporation: **CT** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **SC 13G/A** | Act: **34** | File No.: **005-11068** | Film No.: **94505771**
SIC: **2821** Plastic materials, synth resins & nonvulcan elastomers

Business Address
*ONE ELM ST
WINDSOR LOCKS CT 06096
2036279051*

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PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE CO OF AMERICA

CIK: **729057** | IRS No.: **221211670** | State of Incorporation: **NJ** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **SC 13G/A**
SIC: **6311** Life insurance

Business Address
*PRUDENTIAL PLZ
751 BROAD STREET
NEWARK NJ 07102-3777*

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment #2

Name of

Issuer: DEXTER CORP.

Title of Class

of Securities: Common Stock

CUSIP Number: 252165105

1) NAME OF I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF REPORTING PERSON

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 22-1211670

2) MEMBER OF A GROUP: (a) N/A
(b) N/A

3) SEC USE ONLY:

4) PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: A mutual insurance company organized
under the laws of the State of New Jersey

NUMBERS OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5) Sole Voting Power:	0	Not Applicable
6) Shared Voting Power:	0	Not Applicable
7) Sole Dispositive Power:	0	Not Applicable
8) Shared Dispositive Power:	0	Not Applicable

9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: Not Applicable

10) AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES SHARES: N/A

11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9): Not Applicable

12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON: BD, IC, IA

ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

DEXTER CORP.

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

One Elm Street
Windsor Locks, Connecticut 06096

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

Prudential Plaza
Newark, New Jersey 07102-3777

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

A mutual insurance company organized under the laws
of the State of New Jersey

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS SECURITIES:

Common Stock

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

252165105

ITEM 3. The Person filing this statement is an Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, a Broker-Dealer registered under Section 15 of that Act and an Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP:

(a) Number of Shares
Beneficially Owned: Not Applicable

(b) Percent of Class: Not Applicable

(c) Powers	Number Of Shares
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Sole power to vote or	0 Not Applicable

to direct the vote

Shared power to vote or
to direct the vote 0 Not Applicable

Sole power to dispose or
to direct disposition 0 Not Applicable

Shared power to dispose
or to direct disposition 0 Not Applicable

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF 5% OR LESS OF A CLASS:

Prudential has ceased to be the owner of more than 5% of the
outstanding Common Stock of this issuer.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN 5% ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not Applicable

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY
WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE
ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY:

Not Applicable

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP:

Not Applicable

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not Applicable

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION: Not Applicable

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and
belief, The Prudential Insurance Company of America certifies that
the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and
correct.

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

By: Mary L. Cavanaugh
Vice President & Investment Counsel

Date: January 31, 1994

As of: December 31, 1993

