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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

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(Last) (First) (Middle)

140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY

(Street)

AMHERST, NY 14228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

05/18/2009

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COLUMBUS MCKINNON CORP [CMCO]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer  Other  
 (give title below) (specify below)  
 VP Hoist Products The Americas

5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Common Stock

228 <sup>(1)</sup>

D

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Common Stock

301 <sup>(2)</sup>

D

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Common Stock

4,099 <sup>(3)</sup>

D

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying

4. Conversion

5. Ownership

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Title	Amount or Number of Shares	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
Non-Qualified Stock Options (Right to Buy)	05/19/2009	05/18/2018	Common Stock	432 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 28.45	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(5)</sup>	10/19/2018	Common Stock	10,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 16.81	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	Â <sup>(6)</sup>	05/17/2019	Common Stock	7,680 <sup>(6)</sup>	\$ 13.27	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Buer Gene P 140 JOHN JAMES AUDUBON PARKWAY AMHERST, NY 14228	Â	Â	Â	VP Hoist Products The Americas Â

## Signatures

Gene P. Buer                      05/27/2009

    Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Represents restricted stock units issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; units become fully vested and non-forfeitable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 5/19/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
  - (2) Reports shares allocated to account of reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan, as amended (the "ESOP").
  - (3) Represents restricted stock units issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006, subject to forfeiture in whole or part; units become fully vested and non-forfeitable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
  - (4) Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006; options become exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/19/2009, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
  - (5) Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006; options become exercisable 33.33% per year for three years beginning 10/20/2011, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.
  - (6) Represents non-qualified stock options issued to reporting person under the Columbus McKinnon Corporation 2006 Long Term Incentive Plan dated as of May 4, 2006; options become exercisable 25% per year for four years beginning 5/18/2010, if reporting person remains an employee of issuer.

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