

FORM 5

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

- Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
- Form 3 Holdings Reported.
- Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>SHAW L EDWARD JR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>11377 TURTLE BEACH ROAD</u> (Street) <u>N. PALM BEACH FL 33408</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MSA Safety Inc [MSA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock, no par value	11/15/2016		S4	5,000	D	\$61.938	147,821 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	11/15/2016		S4	7,821	D	\$61.667	140,000 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	03/01/2017		S4	3,000	D	\$73.523	461,097 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, no par value	04/26/2017		S4	7,000	D	\$79.279	386,824 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee ⁽²⁾
Common Stock, no par value	06/09/2017		S4	2,000	D	\$83.56	128,000 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	07/12/2017		S4	600	D	\$80	127,400 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	07/12/2017		S4	1,400	D	\$80.471	126,000 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	09/12/2017		S4	3,300	D	\$72.06	122,700 ⁽¹⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value	09/18/2017		J4	122,700	D	\$0.0000	0.0000 ⁽³⁾	I	By Wife as Trustee
Common Stock, no par value							495,468	D	
Common Stock, no par value							83,123	I	By Wife

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 Derivative Security	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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

Explanation of Responses:

- The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the Rory Shaw Trust, of which his son is the beneficiary. The reported sale is from such trust.
- The amount of securities beneficially owned in column 5 includes shares from trusts other than the Rory Shaw Trust.
- The reporting person's spouse is the trustee of the Rory Shaw Trust, of which his son is the beneficiary. On September 18, 2017, the trustee caused the trust to distribute all of the remaining 122,700 shares of MSA Safety Incorporated common stock to the beneficiary of the trust.

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Attorney in Fact

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

* 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).

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