

MSA Safety Inc
Form SC 13G
February 14, 2017

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

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

MSA Safety Incorporated

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

553498106

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the Notes).

1 Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) (b)

3 SEC Use Only

4 Citizenship or Place of Organization.

New York, United States of America

5 Sole Voting Power

0 shares

6 Shared Voting Power

Number of

Shares

2,230,402 shares

Beneficially

Owned by

Refer to Item 4 below.

Each

7 Sole Dispositive Power

Reporting

Person

0 shares

8 Shared Dispositive Power

With

2,230,402 shares

Refer to Item 4 below.

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

2,230,402 shares

Refer to Item 4 below.

10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)*

5.9%

Refer to Item 4 below.

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IA, OO

1 Names of Reporting Persons.

I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Silvercrest L.P.

2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a) (b)

3 SEC Use Only

4 Citizenship or Place of Organization.

Delaware, United States of America

5 Sole Voting Power

0 shares

6 Shared Voting Power

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9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

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10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)*

5.9%

Refer to Item 4 below.

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

HC, PN

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I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc.

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10 Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

N/A

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)*

5.9%

Refer to Item 4 below.

12 Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

HC, CO

Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer

MSA Safety Incorporated

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

1000 Cranberry Woods Drive

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC

Silvercrest L.P.

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

1330 Avenue of the Americas, 38th Floor

New York, NY 10019

(c) Citizenship

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - New York, United States of America

Silvercrest L.P. - Delaware, United States of America

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - Delaware, United States of America

(d) Title of Class of Securities

Common Stock

(e) CUSIP Number

553498106

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act
- (d) Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- (e) An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

Item 4. Ownership***

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

As of December 31, 2016, Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC (SAMG LLC) beneficially owned 2,230,402 shares of Common Stock, which is 5.9% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. The percentage herein is calculated based upon the aggregate total of the 37,590,566 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of October 24, 2016, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on October 28, 2016.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest L.P. - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 2,230,402 shares

(b) Percent of Class

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 5.9%

Silvercrest L.P. - 5.9%

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 5.9%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 0 shares

Silvercrest L.P. - 0 shares

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 0 shares

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest L.P. - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 2,230,402 shares

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 0 shares

Silvercrest L.P. - 0 shares

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 0 shares

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Silvercrest Asset Management Group LLC - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest L.P. - 2,230,402 shares

Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. - 2,230,402 shares

*** Shares reported herein represent shares held by investment advisory clients of SAMG LLC. Silvercrest L.P. is the sole member of SAMG LLC. Silvercrest Asset Management Group Inc. is the general partner of Silvercrest L.P. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on
By the Parent Holding 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

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

February 14, 2017

SILVERCREST ASSET MANAGEMENT

GROUP LLC

By: Silvercrest L.P., its sole member

By: /s/ David J. Campbell

David J. Campbell

Secretary

SILVERCREST L.P.

By: /s/ David J. Campbell

David J. Campbell

Secretary

SILVERCREST ASSET MANAGEMENT

GROUP INC.

By: /s/ David J. Campbell

David J. Campbell

General Counsel and Secretary