

CRANE CO /DE/  
Form 8-K  
August 10, 2006

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 9, 2006

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## CRANE CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-1657**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-1952290**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**06902**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (203) 363-7300

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT**

**Section 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**SECTION 8 OTHER EVENTS**

**ITEM 8.01 Other Events**

On August 9, 2006, Crane Co. issued a press release announcing that it had entered into an agreement to purchase all of the capital stock of Noble Composites, Inc. (Noble), a privately held company specializing in the manufacture and sale of premium, high-gloss finished composite panels used by motorhome and travel trailer manufacturers for a purchase price of \$72 million in cash, subject to normal closing adjustments. Closing of the transaction will occur after expiration of the applicable waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Section 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) None
- (b) None
- (c) None
- (d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 9, 2006, issued by Crane Co.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CRANE CO.

Dated: August 9, 2006

By: /s/ J. Robert Vipond  
J. Robert Vipond

Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release dated August 9, 2006, issued by Crane Co.