

THOR INDUSTRIES INC
Form SC 13G
November 07, 2008

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

SCHEDULE 13G

(Rule 13d-102)

Information to be Included in Statements Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), (c)
and (d) and Amendments Thereto Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-2.

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)***

Thor Industries Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

885160101

(CUSIP Number)

October 31, 2008

(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.

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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).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
Artisan Partners Limited Partnership
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware
5. Sole Voting Power
None
6. Shared Voting Power
5,318,350
7. Sole Dispositive Power
None
8. Shared Dispositive Power
5,607,450
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
5,607,450
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.11%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IA

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
Artisan Investment Corporation
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Wisconsin
5. Sole Voting Power
None
6. Shared Voting Power
5,318,350
7. Sole Dispositive Power
None
8. Shared Dispositive Power
5,607,450
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
5,607,450
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.11%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
CO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
ZFIC, Inc.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Wisconsin
5. Sole Voting Power
None
6. Shared Voting Power
5,318,350
7. Sole Dispositive Power
None
8. Shared Dispositive Power
5,607,450
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
5,607,450
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.11%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
CO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
Andrew A. Ziegler
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
U.S.A.
- | | | |
|---|----|---------------------------------------|
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 5. | Sole Voting Power
None |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power
5,318,350 |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power
None |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power
5,607,450 |
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
5,607,450
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.11%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
Carlene M. Ziegler
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
U.S.A.
5. Sole Voting Power
None
6. Shared Voting Power
5,318,350
7. Sole Dispositive Power
None
8. Shared Dispositive Power
5,607,450
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
5,607,450
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
10.11%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
IN

Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With

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1. Names of Reporting Persons
Artisan Funds, Inc.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
(a)
(b) Not Applicable
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Wisconsin
5. Sole Voting Power
None
6. Shared Voting Power
3,752,300
7. Sole Dispositive Power
None
8. Shared Dispositive Power
3,752,300
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
3,752,300
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
Not Applicable
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)
6.77%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
CO

Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer:
Thor Industries Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
419 West Pike Street
Jackson Center, Ohio 45334

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing:
Artisan Partners Limited Partnership (Artisan Partners)

Artisan Investment Corporation, the general partner of Artisan Partners (Artisan Corp.)

ZFIC, Inc., the sole stockholder of Artisan Corp. (ZFIC)

Andrew A. Ziegler

Carlene M. Ziegler
- (b) Artisan Funds, Inc. (Artisan Funds)
Address of Principal Business Office:
Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., ZFIC, Mr. Ziegler, Ms. Ziegler and Artisan Funds are all located at:

875 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 800

Milwaukee, WI 53202
- (c) Citizenship:
Artisan Partners is a Delaware limited partnership
Artisan Corp. is a Wisconsin corporation

ZFIC is a Wisconsin corporation

Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are U.S. citizens
- (d) Artisan Funds is a Wisconsin corporation
Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number:
885160101

Item 3.

- Type of Person:**
- (d) Artisan Funds is an Investment Company under section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
 - (e) Artisan Partners is an investment adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; Artisan Corp. is the general partner of Artisan Partners; ZFIC is the sole stockholder of Artisan Corp.; Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders of ZFIC.

Item 4.

Ownership (at October 31, 2008):

- (a) Amount owned beneficially within the meaning of rule 13d-3:
5,607,450
- (b) Percent of class:
10.11% (based on 55,439,924 shares outstanding as of September 15, 2008)
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
 - (ii) None
Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
 - (iii) 5,318,350
Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
 - (iv) None
Shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:
5,607,450

Item 5.

Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6.

Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of Artisan Partners; as reported herein, Artisan Partners holds 5,607,450 shares, including 3,752,300 shares on behalf of Artisan Funds. Persons other than Artisan Partners are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.

Item 7.

Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

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.

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.

Date: November 7, 2008

ARTISAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION,
for itself and as the general partner of
ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: Janet D. Olsen*

ZFIC, INC.

By: Janet D. Olsen*

ANDREW A. ZIEGLER

Andrew A. Ziegler*

CARLENE M. ZIEGLER

Carlene M. Ziegler*

ARTISAN FUNDS, INC.

By: Janet D. Olsen*

*By:

/s/ Janet D. Olsen
Janet D. Olsen
Vice President of Artisan Investment Corporation
Attorney-in-Fact for ZFIC, Inc.
Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew A. Ziegler

Attorney-in-Fact for Carlene M. Ziegler
General Counsel and Secretary of Artisan Funds, Inc.

Exhibit Index

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- Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated November 7, 2008 by and among Artisan Partners Limited Partnership, Artisan Investment Corporation, ZFIC, Inc., Andrew A. Ziegler, Carlene M. Ziegler and Artisan Funds, Inc.
- Exhibit 2 Power of Attorney of ZFIC, Inc., dated March 19, 2007
- Exhibit 3 Power of Attorney of Andrew A. Ziegler dated March 19, 2007
- Exhibit 4 Power of Attorney of Carlene M. Ziegler dated March 19, 2007