

MAIRS & POWER INC  
Form SC 13G  
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**UNITED STATES  
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**SCHEDULE 13G**

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

**The Valspar Corporation**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**920355104**

(CUSIP Number)

**December 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.

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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CUSIP No. 920355104

1. Names of Reporting Persons  
Mairs and Power, Inc. 41 - 0844499
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  
St. Paul, Minnesota
5. Sole Voting Power  
3,854,250
6. Shared Voting Power  
0
7. Sole Dispositive Power  
4,987,814
8. Shared Dispositive Power  
0
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
4,987,814
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)  
5.0%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
IA

Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each  
Reporting  
Person With

**Item 1.**

- (a) Name of Issuer  
The Valspar Corporation
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices  
1101 Third Street South  
  
Minneapolis, MN  
  
55415

**Item 2.**

- (a) Name of Person Filing  
Mairs and Power, Inc.
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence  
332 Minnesota Street, W-1520 First National Bank Building, St. Paul, MN 55101
- (c) Citizenship  
Minnesota Corporation
- (d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number  
920355104

**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 (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (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 association 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). If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned:
  - 4,987,814
- (b) Percent of class:
  - 5.0%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote
    - 3,854,250
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
    - 0
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
    - 4,987,814
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
    - 0

**\*\*Note 1\*\*** Mairs and Power, Inc. ( Mairs and Power ), an investment adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, furnishes investment advice to two investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts. These investment companies, trusts and accounts are the Funds . In its role as investment advisor or manager, Mairs and Power possesses investment and/or voting power over the securities of the Issuer described in this schedule that are owned by the Funds, and may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the shares of the Issuer held by the Funds. All of the securities reported in this schedule are owned by the Funds. Mairs and Power disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities. In addition, the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that the reporting person or any of its affiliates is the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G for any other purposes than Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

*Instruction.* For computations regarding securities which represent a right to acquire an underlying security *see* §240.13d-3(d)(1).

**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.

*Instruction:* Dissolution of a group requires a response to this item.

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

N/A

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

N/A

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

N/A

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

N/A

**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.

February 13, 2009  
Date

/s/ Jon A. Theobald  
Signature

Jon A. Theobald/President  
Name/Title