

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SCHEDULE 13G
(Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)
(Amendment No.)*

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

20563P101

(Cusip Number)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing of 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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1. Name of reporting person
S.S. or I.R.S. identification no. of above person

David L. Babson and Company Incorporated
04-1054788

2. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group*s
(a) ()
(b) (X)

3. SEC use only

4. Citizenship or place of organization
Massachusetts

5. Sole Voting Power
390,200

Number of
beneficially
owned by
each
Reporting
person
with

6. Shared Voting Power
0

7. Sole Dispositive Power
390,200

8. Shared Dispositive Power

None

9. Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person
390,200

10. Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares*

11. Percent of class represented by amount in row 9
6.35%

12. Type of Reporting person
IA

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ITEM 1(A): NAME OF ISSUER:

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

1(B): ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

16825 Northchase Drive
Suite 1200
Houston, TX 77060

ITEM 2(A): NAME OF PERSON FILING:

David L. Babson and Company Incorporated ("DLB")

ITEM 2(B): ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

One Memorial Drive
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142-1300

ITEM 2(C): CITIZENSHIP:

See Item 4 of Cover Page

ITEM 2(D): TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

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ITEM 2(E): CUSIP NUMBER:

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ITEM 3: TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON:

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ITEM 4: OWNERSHIP:

(a) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED: DLB, in its capacity as investment adviser, may be deemed the beneficial owner of 390,200 shares of common stock of the Issuer which are owned by numerous investment counselling clients.

(b) PERCENT OF CLASS: 6.35%

(c) For information on voting and dispositive power with respect to the above listed shares, see Items 5 - 8 of Cover Page.

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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:

MML Small Cap Value Equity Fund(SIA-S)

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 in the
ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of
and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of
the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection
with or as a participant in any transaction having such 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: February 4, 1999

Signature: --//Leslie A. Meinhart/--

Name/Title: LESLIE A. MEINHART

Compliance Manager