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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 11-K**

**(Mark One):**

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the fiscal year ended: December 31, 2017**

**OR**

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission file number 1-14187**

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below: RPM International Inc. 401(k) Trust and Plan, as amended
- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office: RPM International Inc. 2628 Pearl Road, P.O. Box 777, Medina, Ohio 44258



**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC.**

**401(k) TRUST**

**AND PLAN**

***FINANCIAL***

***STATEMENTS***

***DECEMBER 31,***

***2017 AND 2016***

**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN**

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## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Audit Committee

RPM International Inc. 401(k) Trust and Plan

Medina, Ohio

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the RPM International Inc. 401(k) Trust and Plan (the Plan ) as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes (collectively, the financial statements ). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2017, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Plan s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ( PCAOB ) and are required to be independent with respect to the Plan in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Plan s management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Supplemental Information**

The supplemental information in the accompanying schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2017, has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan s financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the

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purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but included supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

/s/ BDO USA, LLP

We have served as the Plan's auditor since 2015.

Cleveland, Ohio

June 27, 2018

**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN****Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits**

	<b>December 31, 2017</b>	December 31, 2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 828,122,217	\$ 696,306,811
<b>Receivables</b>		
Notes receivable from participants	9,198,688	8,875,375
Employer's contribution	453,753	422,364
Participants' contributions	825,848	774,537
	<b>10,478,289</b>	10,072,276
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 838,600,506</b>	<b>\$ 706,379,087</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN****Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits****For The Year Ended December 31, 2017****Additions To Net Assets Attributed To:**

<b>Contributions</b>			
Participants		\$ 34,461,299	
Employer		17,933,067	
Rollover		6,005,037	\$ 58,399,403
<b>Investment Income</b>			
Interest, dividends and other		9,343,449	
Unrealized gain on investments		87,694,842	
Realized gain on sale of investments		33,741,795	130,780,086
Interest on notes receivable from participants			396,992
			<b>189,576,481</b>

**Deductions from Net Assets Attributed To:**

Benefits paid to participants		57,164,080	
Administrative expenses		190,982	57,355,062

**Net Increase** **132,221,419****Net Assets Available for Benefits:**

Beginning of year			706,379,087
End of year			\$ 838,600,506

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



## RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN

### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE A Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the RPM International Inc. 401(k) Trust and Plan (the Plan) have been prepared on the accrual basis in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

##### Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note C for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when received. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

##### Notes Receivable from Participant Accounts

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan document.

##### Contributions

Contributions are recorded on the accrual basis.

##### Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE B - Description of the Plan

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, adopted on June 1, 1996, is a defined contribution retirement savings plan covering substantially all domestic non-union employees of participating subsidiaries of RPM International Inc. (the Company and Plan Sponsor). The Plan is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended.

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### Notes to Financial Statements

#### NOTE B - Description of the Plan (continued)

##### Eligibility

Employees, as defined, are eligible to participate in the Plan provided they have worked for the Company for a period of 3 months. Unless elected otherwise, employees are automatically enrolled into the Plan at a pre-tax contribution rate of 3% as of the first payroll beginning after eligibility requirements are met.

##### Contributions

Participants may contribute up to 50% of their gross annual compensation, as defined. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. The Plan currently offers a variety of investment funds as investment options for participants. The Plan is a Safe Harbor 401(k) plan. The Company matches up to a maximum rate of 100% of the first 3% and 50% of the next 2% of employee deferrals. The matching Company contribution is invested in the same manner in which the participants invest their own contributions. Contributions are subject to certain limitations, as defined.

##### Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, the Company's matching contribution and an allocation of Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

##### Vesting

Vesting is immediate for contributions, both for employee and employer, and earnings thereon.

##### Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. Participants can only have one loan outstanding under the Plan at any time. Loan terms may not exceed five years. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a fixed rate between 4.00% and 9.25% as determined by the Plan Sponsor at the date of issuance. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

##### Payment of Benefits

Upon termination of a participant's employment, including termination by reason of death, disability or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her accounts or regular installments over any period not to exceed ten years.

In-service withdrawals are available in certain limited circumstances, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are allowed for participants incurring immediate and heavy financial need, as defined by the Plan. Hardship withdrawals are strictly regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and a

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**Notes to Financial Statements**

participant must exhaust all available loan options and distributions prior to requesting a hardship withdrawal.

*Plan Expenses*

During 2017, certain administrative expenses, and other expenses incurred in connection with the sale, purchase, and management of the assets of the investment funds were paid by the Plan.

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**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN****Notes to Financial Statements****NOTE C - Fair Value Measurements**

The Plan follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, which defines fair value and provides guidance for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* does not require any new fair value measurements, but rather applies to all other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements.

*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement) and the lowest priority to unobserved inputs (Level 3 measurement). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

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|---------|---|
| Level 1 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan can access.  |
| Level 2 | Inputs to the valuation methodology include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;</li><li>Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;</li><li>Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;</li><li>Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.</li></ul> <p>If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 inputs must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.</p> |
| Level 3 | Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.   |

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2017 and 2016.

*Mutual Funds:* Valued at quoted prices from an active market, which represents the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year-end.



*Common Stock Fund:* The Common Stock Fund is a unitized fund. The fund consists of common stock and common/collective trusts and is valued at NAV based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The use of NAV as fair value is deemed appropriate as the collective trust funds do not have finite lives, unfunded commitments relating to these types of investments, or significant restriction on redemptions.

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**Notes to Financial Statements****NOTE C - Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

*Common/Collective Trusts:* Valued using the NAV based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The use of NAV as fair value is deemed appropriate as the collective trust funds do not have finite lives, unfunded commitments relating to these types of investments, or significant restrictions on redemptions.

*Insurance Contracts:* Valued at cash surrender value, which approximates fair value.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following tables sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value:

**Investment at Fair Value as of December 31, 2017**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>	\$ 710,574,114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 710,574,114
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	-	-	33,931	33,931
<b>Total Assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	710,574,114	-	33,931	710,608,045
<b>Investments measured at NAV (a)</b>				117,514,172
<b>Investments at Fair Value</b>	<b>\$ 710,574,114</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 33,931</b>	<b>\$ 828,122,217</b>

**Investments at Fair Value as of December 31, 2016**

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Mutual Funds</b>	\$ 570,396,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 570,396,638
<b>Insurance Policies</b>	-	-	44,370	44,370
<b>Total Assets in the fair value hierarchy</b>	570,396,638	-	44,370	570,441,008
<b>Investments measured at NAV (a)</b>				125,865,803

<b>Investments at Fair Value</b>	<b>\$ 570,396,638</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 44,370</b>	<b>\$ 696,306,811</b>
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(a) In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN****Notes to Financial Statements****NOTE C - Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Plan's Level 3 assets for the year ended December 31, 2017:

	<b>Insurance Policies</b>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 44,370
Unrealized losses relating to instruments still held at the reporting date	(10,439)
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 33,931</b>

**NOTE D - Plan Termination**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in such a manner as determined by the Company.

**NOTE E - Income Tax Status**

The Plan obtained its latest determination letter on December 17, 2014, in which the IRS stated that the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code.

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the tax authorities. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that, as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE F - Related Party and Parties-in-Interest Transactions**

The Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund is a common trust fund managed by Wells Fargo Bank N.A. Wells Fargo Bank N.A. is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan to the trustee amounted to \$190,982 for the year ended December 31, 2017.



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**NOTE F - Related Party Transactions (continued)**

In addition, at December 31, 2017, the Plan held shares of RPM International Inc. common stock valued at \$43,641,380. At December 31, 2016, the Plan held shares of RPM International Inc. common stock valued at \$47,041,445. Transactions involving these investments are allowable party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

**NOTE G - Risks and Uncertainties**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**NOTE H - Evaluation of Subsequent Events**

The Plan has evaluated the impact of events that have occurred subsequent to December 31, 2017, through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible recognition or disclosure in those financial statements. Based on this evaluation, other than as recorded or disclosed within the financial statements and related notes, the Plan has determined that there were no events that were required to be recognized or disclosed except for the fact that the Plan's Trustee and Recordkeeper became Fidelity Management Trust Company effective June 1, 2018.

**RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. 401(k) TRUST AND PLAN****EIN #02-0642224****PLAN NUMBER 011****SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i -****SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)****DECEMBER 31, 2017**

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Current value at December 31, 2017	
<b><u>Registered Investment Companies</u></b>			
Fidelity Contrafund	Registered investment company	\$	<b>93,973,317</b>
Harbor Capital Appreciation Instl	Registered investment company		<b>89,243,156</b>
American Washington Mutual Investors Fund	Registered investment company		<b>62,498,436</b>
Janus Balanced Fund	Registered investment company		<b>54,605,468</b>
Vanguard Instl Index Fund	Registered investment company		<b>46,687,286</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2040 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>42,987,365</b>
Vanguard Midcap Index	Registered investment company		<b>41,021,478</b>
VOYA Midcap Opportunities	Registered investment company		<b>40,801,724</b>
Dodge & Cox International Stock Fund	Registered investment company		<b>31,027,748</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2030 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>27,128,027</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2025 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>25,008,744</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2020 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>24,036,082</b>
Vanguard Small Cap Index SIG	Registered investment company		<b>17,071,158</b>
Fidelity Advisor Government Investment Fund	Registered investment company		<b>16,871,645</b>
Prudential Total Return Bond Fund	Registered investment company		<b>16,694,855</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2035 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>16,633,693</b>
American Europacific Growth Fund	Registered investment company		<b>16,449,822</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2045 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>11,637,650</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2050 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>8,774,292</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2015 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>6,978,345</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2055 Fund	Registered investment company		<b>6,348,803</b>

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Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Fund	Registered investment company	<b>4,342,986</b>
Templeton Global Total Return	Registered investment company	<b>3,135,440</b>
Vanguard Total International Index Fund	Registered investment company	<b>3,114,476</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement Fund	Registered investment company	<b>2,369,259</b>
Vanguard Target Retirement 2060 Fund	Registered investment company	<b>1,132,859</b>

Total Registered Investment Companies **710,574,114**

Common / Collective Trust

* Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund	Common/collective trusts	<b>72,105,675</b>
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Company Stock Fund

* RPM International Inc. Stock Fund	Company stock	<b>43,641,380</b>
* Wells Fargo Stable Return Fund	Common/collective trusts	<b>1,767,117</b>

Total Company Stock Fund **45,408,497**

Life Insurance

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance	Life insurance	<b>33,931</b>
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Total Investments **\$ 828,122,217**

* Notes receivable from participants	Loans (4.00% to 9.25%)	<b>\$ 9,198,688</b>
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\* Denotes an allowable party in interest

Note: The Cost column is not applicable because all the Plan's investment options are participant directed.

*See accompanying notes to financial statements*



**EXHIBIT INDEX**

23.1 Consent of BDO USA, LLP

**SIGNATURES**

*The Plan.* Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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TRUST AND PLAN**

By: RPM International Inc. (Plan  
Administrator)

/s/ Janeen Kastner  
Janeen Kastner, Vice President - Corporate  
Benefits & Risk Management

Date: June 27, 2018