

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

FORM 8-K -- CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) September 8, 1997

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Indiana (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	0-3922 Commission File Number	35-1057796 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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1800 South 14th Street, P.O. Box 638, Elkhart, Indiana (Address of principal executive offices)	46515 (Zip Code)
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(219) 294-7511
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,
if changed since last report.)

Item 5. Other Events.

On September 8, 1997, the registrant issued a press release announcing the acquisition of United Shade, Inc.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated September 8, 1997 issued by the registrant.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

/s/ Keith V. Kankel

Keith V. Kankel

Date: September 17, 1997

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NEWS RELEASE

September 8, 1997
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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PATRICK INDUSTRIES, INC.
ANNOUNCES RECENT BUSINESS ACQUISITION

Elkhart, Indiana ----- Mervin D. Lung, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, announced that on September 5, 1997 Patrick Industries, Inc. purchased the assets of United Shade, Inc. in Elkhart, Indiana. The new operation, United Shade, division of Patrick Industries, Inc., will continue to manufacture and market pleated window shades, aluminum blinds, fabric doors, and windshield wraps primarily to the recreational vehicle industry nationwide. Net sales for United Shade, Inc. were approximately \$5.8 million in 1996.

Patrick Industries is a leading manufacturer and supplier of building products and materials to the manufactured housing, recreational vehicle, furniture, and other industries. The Company operates in thirteen states from twenty-five manufacturing locations and fourteen distribution centers.

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