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Form SC 13G  
September 24, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
(RULE 13d - 102)

Information to be included in statements filed pursuant  
to Rules 13d-1(b), (c) and (d) and amendments thereto filed  
pursuant to 13d-2(b)

(AMENDMENT NO.\_\_\_\_ )\*

Exide Technologies  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$.01  
(Title of Class of Securities)

302051206  
(CUSIP Number)

September 14, 2004  
(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  
disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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).

(Continued on the Following Pages)

1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Castlerigg Master Investments Ltd.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)   
(b)

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3. SEC USE ONLY  
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
0
6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
1,248,008
7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0
8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,248,008
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
1,248,008
10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*
11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.2%
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
CO

\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!

1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Sandell Asset Management Corp.

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a)   
(b)

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British Virgin Islands

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0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,248,008

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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1,248,008

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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Castlerigg International Limited

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a) [x]

(b) [ ]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,248,008

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
1,248,008
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1,248,008
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
5.2%
12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
CO

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
Castlerigg International Holdings Limited
2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(a) [x]  
(b) [ ]
3. SEC USE ONLY
4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
British Virgin Islands

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER  
0
6. SHARED VOTING POWER  
1,248,008
7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
0
8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
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1,248,008
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11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

CO

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1. NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Thomas E. Sandell

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*

(a)

(b)

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Sweden

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. SOLE VOTING POWER

0

6. SHARED VOTING POWER

1,248,008

7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,248,008

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5.2%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

Exide Technologies ("Issuer")

ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

Crossroads Corporate Center  
3150 Brunswick Pike, Suite 230  
Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648

ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

The names of the persons filing this statement on Schedule 13G are: Castlerigg Master Investments Ltd., a British Virgin Islands company ("Castlerigg Master Investments"), Sandell Asset Management Corp., a British Virgin Islands company ("SAMC"), Castlerigg International Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Castlerigg International"), Castlerigg International Holdings Limited, a British Virgin Islands company ("Castlerigg Holdings"), and Thomas E. Sandell, a citizen of Sweden ("Sandell").

ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

The principal business address for each of Castlerigg Master Investments, Castlerigg International and Castlerigg Holdings is c/o Citco Fund Services (Curacao) N.V., Kaya Flamboyan 9, P.O. Box 812, Curacao, Netherlands, Antilles.

The principal business address for each of SAMC and Sandell is 40 West 57th Street, 26th Floor, New York, New York 10019.

ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

Each of Castlerigg Master Investments, Castlerigg International, Castlerigg Holdings and SAMC is a company formed under the laws of the British Virgin Islands.

Sandell is a citizen of Sweden.

ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock")

ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:

302051206

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b)  Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c)  Insurance company defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the

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Investment Company Act.

- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E).
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F).
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j)  Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box

### 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:

The Reporting Persons beneficially own 1,248,008 shares of Common Stock.

- (b) Percent of Class:

The Reporting Persons beneficially own 1,248,008 shares of Common Stock representing 5.2% of all the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote

Not applicable.

- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote of shares of Common Stock:

Castlerigg Master Investments, Castlerigg International, Castlerigg Holdings, SAMC and Sandell have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 1,248,008 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.

- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock:

Not applicable.

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- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of shares of Common Stock:

Castlerigg Master Investments, Castlerigg International, Castlerigg Holdings, SAMC and Sandell have the shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the 1,248,008 shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.

### 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 Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [ ].

### ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Not applicable.

### ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons are owned directly by Castlerigg Master Investments. Castlerigg Holdings is the controlling shareholder of Castlerigg Master Investments and Castlerigg International is the controlling shareholder of Castlerigg Holdings.

### ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

See Exhibit B attached hereto.

### ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

### ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION.

By signing below the undersigned certifies that, to the best of its or his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above 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 its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete, and correct.

Dated: September 24, 2004

CASTLERIGG MASTER INVESTMENTS LTD.



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By: Sandell Asset Management Corp.  
As Investment Manager

By: /s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

SANDELL ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP.

By: /s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

CASTLERIGG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

By: /s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

CASTLERIGG INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By: /s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

/s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Thomas E. Sandell

EXHIBIT A  
JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Common Stock of Exide Technologies dated as of September 24, 2004 is, and any further amendments thereto signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Dated: September 24, 2004

CASTLERIGG MASTER INVESTMENTS LTD.  
By: Sandell Asset Management Corp.  
As Investment Manager

By: /s/ Thomas E. Sandell

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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

SANDELL ASSET MANAGEMENT CORP.

By:/s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

CASTLERIGG INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

By:/s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

CASTLERIGG INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED

By:/s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Name: Thomas E. Sandell  
Title: Director

/s/ Thomas E. Sandell  
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Thomas E. Sandell

EXHIBIT B

IDENTIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Castlerigg Master Investments Ltd.  
Sandell Asset Management Corp.  
Castlerigg International Limited  
Castlerigg International Holdings Limited  
Thomas E. Sandell