

ADAPTEC INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
November 16, 2009

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

SCHEDULE 13D  
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO  
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 17)<sup>1</sup>

Adaptec, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001  
(Title of Class of Securities)

00651F108  
(CUSIP Number)

Warren G. Lichtenstein  
Steel Partners II, L.P.  
590 Madison Avenue, 32nd Floor  
New York, New York 10022  
(212) 520-2300

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

November 11, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box “.”

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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<sup>1</sup> 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).

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CUSIP NO. 00651F108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.

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

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS ..  
IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		19,366,307
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		19,366,307

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

19,366,307

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)   
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

16.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		19,366,307
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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STEEL PARTNERS LLC

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DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		19,366,307
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		19,366,307

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

STEEL PARTNERS II GP LLC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		- 0 -
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		19,366,307
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 -
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		19,366,307

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19,366,307

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16.1%

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)   
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	8	- 0 - SHARED VOTING POWER
	9	19,366,307 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	- 0 - SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

19,366,307

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19,366,307

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16.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 00651F108

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JACK L. HOWARD

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 GROUP (b)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		18,750 *
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	18,750 *
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

18,750 \*

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)   
 EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

LESS THAN 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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\* Represents 6,250 Shares underlying a Restricted Stock Award and 12,500 Shares underlying Non-Qualified Stock Options that are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.



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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

JOHN J. QUICKE

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY		18,750 *
OWNED BY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
EACH		
REPORTING		- 0 -
PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	18,750 *
		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

18,750 \*

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LESS THAN 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

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The following constitutes Amendment No. 17 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (“Amendment No. 17”). This Amendment No. 17 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate purchase price of the 19,366,307 Shares owned by Steel Partners II is approximately \$64,075,216, including brokerage commissions. The Shares owned by Steel Partners II were acquired with partnership funds.

The Shares beneficially owned by Messrs. Howard and Quicke were awarded to them in their capacities as directors of the Issuer.

Steel Partners II effects purchases of securities primarily through margin accounts maintained for it with prime brokers, which may extend margin credit to it as and when required to open or carry positions in the margin accounts, subject to applicable federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the prime brokers’ credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin accounts are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the accounts.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a) is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 120,473,465 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of October 29, 2009 as reported in the Issuer’s Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2009.

As of the close of business on November 12, 2009, Steel Partners II owned directly 19,366,307 Shares, constituting approximately 16.1% of the Shares outstanding. By virtue of their relationships with Steel Partners II discussed in further detail in Item 2, each of Steel Holdings, Partners LLC, Steel Partners GP and Warren G. Lichtenstein may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by Steel Partners II.

As of the close of business on November 12, 2009, Jack L. Howard beneficially owned 6,250 Shares underlying a Restricted Stock Award and beneficially owned an additional 12,500 Shares underlying Non-Qualified Stock Options that are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, constituting in the aggregate less than 1% of the Shares outstanding. As of the close of business on November 12, 2009, John J. Quicke beneficially owned 6,250 Shares underlying a Restricted Stock Award and beneficially owned an additional 12,500 Shares underlying Non-Qualified Stock Options that are exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof, constituting in the aggregate less than 1% of the Shares outstanding.

Each Reporting Person, as a member of a “group” with the other Reporting Persons for purposes of Rule 13d-5(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), may be deemed to beneficially own the Shares owned by the other Reporting Persons.

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Item 5(c) is hereby amended to add the following:

(c) Schedule A annexed hereto lists all transactions in the Shares by the Reporting Persons since the filing of Amendment No. 16 to the Schedule 13D. All of such transactions were effected in the open market pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Purchase Trading Plan adopted by Steel Partners II.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 13, 2009

STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas  
Sanford Antignas  
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,  
Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

By: Steel Partners II GP LLC  
General Partner

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas  
Sanford Antignas  
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein,  
Managing Member

STEEL PARTNERS LLC

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas  
Sanford Antignas  
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.  
Lichtenstein,  
Manager

STEEL PARTNERS II GP LLC

By: /s/ Sanford Antignas  
Sanford Antignas  
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G.  
Lichtenstein,  
Managing Member

/s/ Sanford Antignas  
Sanford Antignas  
as Attorney-In-Fact for Warren G. Lichtenstein

/s/ Jack L. Howard  
JACK L. HOWARD

/s/ John J. Quicke  
JOHN J. QUICKE

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## SCHEDULE A

Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of Amendment No. 16 to the Schedule 13D

Class of Security	Securities Purchased	Price (\$)	Date of Purchase
STEEL PARTNERS II, L.P.			
Common Stock	830,712	3.2422	11/03/09
Common Stock	10,103	3.2494	11/04/09
Common Stock	76,776	3.2500	11/06/09
Common Stock	171,316	3.2472	11/10/09
Common Stock	365,936	3.2492	11/11/09
Common Stock	306,780	3.2082	11/12/09

## STEEL PARTNERS HOLDINGS L.P.

None

## STEEL PARTNERS LLC

None

## STEEL PARTNERS II GP LLC

None

## WARREN G. LICHTENSTEIN

None

## JACK L. HOWARD

None

## JOHN J. QUICKE

None