

# **VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC**

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## **FORM SC 13G** (Statement of Ownership)

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Telephone	516 677-0200
CIK	0000103145
Symbol	VECO
SIC Code	3559 - Special Industry Machinery, Not Elsewhere Classified
Industry	Semiconductors
Sector	Technology
Fiscal Year	12/31

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )

### **Veeco Instruments, Inc.**

(Name of issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share  
(Title of class of securities)

922417100  
(CUSIP number)

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 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 PERSONS S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

EQSF Advisers, Inc.  
(EIN 13-3354359)

2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) [   ] (b) [ x ]
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	New York Corporation	
	5	SOLE VOTING POWER
		464,200
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER
		None
EACH REPORTING PERSON	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		464,200
WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		None
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
		464,200
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	[   ]
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
		5.23%
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*	
	IA	

**\*SEE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS

Martin J. Whitman

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

(a) [   ]  
(b) [ X ]

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SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF

None (See Item 4)

SHARES

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

None

OWNED BY

EACH

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING

None (See Item 4)

PERSON WITH

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

-0- (See Item 4)

10

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*

[   ]

11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

-0-

12

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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**Item 1.**

(a) Name of Issuer:

Veeco Instruments, Inc. (the "Issuer").

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

Terminal Drive, Plainview, NY 11803

**Item 2.**

(a) Name of Person Filing:

This schedule is being jointly filed by EQSF Advisers, Inc. ("EQSF"), and Martin J. Whitman, the Chief Executive Officer of EQSF and controlling person of EQSF. (EQSF and Martin J. Whitman are sometimes collectively referred to hereinafter as "Filer"). Attached hereto as an exhibit is a copy of the joint Schedule 13G filing agreement among the reporting persons.

(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The address of the principal executive office of EQSF and Mr. Whitman is: 767 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017-2023.

(c) Citizenship:

The citizenship or place of organization of each of the reporting persons is as follows:

**EQSF**

New York State corporation.

**Martin J. Whitman**

United States citizen.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share.

(e) CUSIP Number:

922417100

**Item 3. If this statement is being filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:**

(e) Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (EQSF).

**Item 4. Ownership.**

(a)&(b) EQSF beneficially owns 464,200 shares, or 5.23% of the class of securities of the issuer.

(c)(i) EQSF: 464,200

(ii) Not applicable.

(iii) EQSF: 464,200

(iv) Not applicable.

Mr. Whitman disclaims beneficial ownership of all such shares.

**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.**

Third Avenue Value Fund, an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, has the right to receive dividends from, and the proceeds from the sale of, the shares reported by EQSF.

**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 purposes 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.

February 12, 1998  
(Date)

### **EQSF ADVISERS, INC.**

*By: /s/ MARTIN J. WHITMAN  
Martin J. Whitman  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

*/s/MARTIN J. WHITMAN*

*Martin J. Whitman*

## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1 (f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with all other Reporting Entities (as such term is defined in the Schedule 13G) on behalf of each of them of a statement on Schedule 13G (including amendments thereto) with respect to the Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, of Veeco Instruments, Inc., and that this Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filing. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned hereby execute this Agreement this 12th day of February, 1998.

### EQSF ADVISERS, INC.

*By: /s/ MARTIN J. WHITMAN  
Martin J. Whitman  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer*

*/s/MARTIN J. WHITMAN*

*Martin J. Whitman*

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**End of Filing**

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