

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC

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FORM SC 13G/A

(Amended Statement of Ownership)

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Address	TERMINAL DRIVE PLAINVIEW, NY 11803
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/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

WEECO INSTRUMENTS INC.

(Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK

(Title of Class of Securities)

922417100

(CUSIP Number)

- 1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO. INCORPORATED
13-3043476

- 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) /x/

(b) /_/

- 3) SEC USE ONLY

- 4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES	(5) SOLE VOTING POWER	-0-
BENEFICIALLY OWNED	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	-0-
BY EACH REPORTING	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	-0-
PERSON WITH	(8) SHARES DISPOSITIVE POWER	-0-

- 9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

-0-

- 10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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

0.00%

- 12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

VEECO INSTRUEMNTS INC.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

TERMINAL DRIVE
PLAINVIEW, NY 11803

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

J. & W. SELIGMAN & CO. INCORPORATED

Item 2(b) Address or Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

100 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10017

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

DELAWARE CORPORATION

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

COMMON STOCK

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

922417100

Item 3 If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13-d, or 13-2(b), check whether the person is filing as a: Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940

/X/

Item 4(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

-0-

Item 4(b) Percent of Class:

0.00%

Item 4(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i)	sole power to vote or to direct the vote	-0-
(ii)	shares power to vote or direct the vote	-0-
(iii)	sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	-0-
(iv)	shares power to dispose or to direct the disposition of	-0-

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:

NOT APPLICABLE

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 purpose 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,
and correct.

Lawrence P. Vogel
Senior Vice President, Finance

SEPTEMBER 23, 1997
Date

End of Filing

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