INSTEEL INDUSTRIES INC

FORM SC 13G
(Statement of Ownership)

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	MOUNT AIRY, North Carolina 27030
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CIK	0000764401
Industry	Constr. - Supplies & Fixtures
Sector	Capital Goods
Fiscal Year	09/30

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)<F1>

Insteel Industries, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)

45774W108
(CUSIP Number)

<F1> 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).

Schedule is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b).

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1   NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
    S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Artisan Partners Limited Partnership  39-1807188
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2   CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>
                                                                        (a)[ ]
    Not Applicable                                                      (b)[ ]

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3   SEC USE ONLY

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4   CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
      Delaware
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              5   SOLE VOTING POWER
                    None
 NUMBER OF   ------------------------------------------------------------------
   SHARES     6   SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY        852,000
  OWNED BY   ------------------------------------------------------------------
    EACH      7   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
 REPORTING          None
   PERSON    ------------------------------------------------------------------
    WITH      8   SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
                    852,000
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9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 852,000

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES<F1> Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
10.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F1>
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<F1> SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1   NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
    S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Artisan Investment Corporation
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2   CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>
                                                                      (a)[ ]
    Not Applicable                                                    (b)[ ]

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3   SEC USE ONLY

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4   CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
      Wisconsin
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              5   SOLE VOTING POWER
                    None
 NUMBER OF   ----------------------------------------------------------------
   SHARES     6   SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY        852,000
  OWNED BY   ----------------------------------------------------------------
    EACH      7   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
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1   NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
    S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Andrew A. Ziegler
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2   CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>
                                                                      (a)[ ]
    Not Applicable                                                    (b)[ ]

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3   SEC USE ONLY

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4   CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
      U.S.A.
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              5   SOLE VOTING POWER
                    None
 NUMBER OF   ----------------------------------------------------------------
   SHARES     6   SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY        852,000
  OWNED BY   ----------------------------------------------------------------
    EACH      7   SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
 REPORTING          None
   PERSON    ----------------------------------------------------------------
    WITH      8   SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
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1   NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
    S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
      Carlene Murphy Ziegler
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2   CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP<F1>
                                                                        (a)[ ]
      Not Applicable                                                    (b)[ ]

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3   SEC USE ONLY

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4   CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
      U.S.A.
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              5   SOLE VOTING POWER
                    None
 NUMBER OF   ------------------------------------------------------------------
   SHARES     6   SHARED VOTING POWER
BENEFICIALLY        852,000
  OWNED BY   ------------------------------------------------------------------
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 REPORTING          None
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10.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON<F1>
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Insteel Industries, Inc.

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

1373 Boggs Drive
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Artisan Partners Limited Partnership ("Artisan Partners")
Artisan Investment Corporation, the general partner of
Artisan Partners ("Artisan Corp.")
Andrew A. Ziegler
Carlene Murphy Ziegler

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler
are all located at:

1000 North Water Street, #1770
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Artisan Partners is a Delaware limited partnership
Artisan Corp. is a Wisconsin corporation
Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are U.S. citizens

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

45774W108

Item 3 Type of Person:

(e) Artisan Partners is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; Artisan Corp. is the General Partner of Artisan Partners; Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders of Artisan Corp.

Item 4 Ownership (at January 31, 2000)

(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:

852,000

(b) Percent of class:

10.1% (based on 8,457,226 shares outstanding on December 13, 1999)

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

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: None
(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

852,000

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None
(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: 852,000

Artisan Partners serves as investment adviser to Artisan Funds, Inc., comprised of four series designated Artisan Small Cap Fund, Artisan International Fund, Artisan Mid Cap Fund and Artisan Small Cap Value Fund (the "Funds"). Various of Artisan Partners' limited partners and employees are also officers and directors of the Funds, but Artisan Partners does not consider the Funds to be controlled by such persons. Although the Funds are not controlled by Artisan Partners, pursuant to rule 13d-3(a) the shares beneficially owned by a Fund, with respect to which that Fund has delegated to Artisan Partners shared voting power and shared dispositive power, are considered to be shares beneficially owned by Artisan Partners by reason of such delegated powers. Other clients of Artisan Partners may own shares which are not included in the aggregate number of shares reported herein because Artisan Partners does not have or share voting or investment power over those 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:

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of Artisan Partners. Persons other than Artisan Partners are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares.

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, complete and correct.

Date: February 10, 2000

The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

ARTISAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION
for itself and as general partner of
ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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By:  /s/ Andrew A. Ziegler
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     Andrew A. Ziegler
     President
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The undersigned individuals, on the date above written, agree and consent to the joint filing on their behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with their beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

ANDREW A. ZIEGLER

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/s/ Andrew A. Ziegler
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CARLENE MURPHY ZIEGLER

/s/ Carlene Murphy Ziegler
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