UNITED STATES 12/31/97 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO.)*

OWENS-ILLINOIS GROUP, INC. (NAME OF ISSUER) COMMON STOCK (TITLE CLASS OF SECURITIES) 690768403 (CUSIP NUMBER)

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 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE 04-1867445 OWENS-ILLINOIS (1) HOURLY SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN, (2) NON-UNION RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS PLAN, (3) STOCK PURCHASE AND SAVINGS PROGRAM, (4) LONG TERM SAVINGS PLAN

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

NOT APPLICABLE

A ____ B ___

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

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- 5. SOLE VOTING POWER 0 SHARES
- SHARED VOTING POWER 5,401,387.14 SHARES
- 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
- 0 SHARES
- SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 5,401,387.14 SHARES
- 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 5,401,387.14 SHARES
- 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

NOT APPLICABLE

- 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 \$3.8%
- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

- 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE 04-1867445 OWENS-ILLINOIS COMPANY STOCK INVESTMENT HOURLY RETIREMENT TRUST
- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*

A ____ B ___

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

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- 5. SOLE VOTING POWER 0 SHARES
- 6. SHARED VOTING POWER
- 7,684,285 SHARES
- 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 SHARES
- 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
- 7,684,285 SHARES9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,684,285 SHARES
- 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

NOT APPLICABLE

- 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 5.5%
- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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- 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE 04-1867445 OR DISCRETIONARY ADVISOR VARIOUS COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS AND OTHER INDEX ACCOUNTS OWENS-ILLINOIS
- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*

A ____ B ___

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

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- 5. SOLE VOTING POWER
- 1,685,862 SHARES
- 6. SHARED VOTING POWER0 SHARES
- 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,820,362 SHARES
- 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 SHARES
- 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,820,362 SHARES
- 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

NOT APPLICABLE

- 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 1.3%
- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

ΒK

- 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF PERSON STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE/CO-TRUSTEE 04-1867445 FOR VARIOUS PERSONAL TRUSTS OWENS-ILLINOIS
- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP.*

A ____ B ___

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

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

- 5. SOLE VOTING POWER
- 8,200 SHARES6. SHARED VOTING POWER
- 0 SHARES
- 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 200 SHARES
- 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8,000 SHARES
- 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 8,200 SHARES
- 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

NOT APPLICABLE

- 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 .0%
- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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ITEM 1.

- (A) NAME OF ISSUER
- OWENS-ILLINOIS, INC. (B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES ONE SEAGATE TOLEDO OHIO 43666

ITEM 2.

- (A) NAME OF PERSON FILING STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE
- (B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE

225 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(C) CITIZENSHIP

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(D) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

COMMON STOCK

(E) CUSIP NUMBER

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- ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR 13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:
 - (B) _X_ BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(A)(6) OF THE ACT

- ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP
 - (A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED
 - 14,914,234.14 SHARES(B) PERCENT OF CLASS
 - 10.6%
 - (C) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS: (I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE
 - 1,694,062 SHARES (II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE 13,085,672.14 SHARES
 - (III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF 1,820,562 SHARES
 - (IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF 13,093,672.14 SHARES
- ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

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

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IF THE STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B):

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.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY SECURITIES COVERED BY THIS REPORT, AND STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL SHARES REPORTED HEREIN PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-4.

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.

10 February 1998

STATE STREET BOSTON CORPORATION STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

/s/ Mary Sue Spain Senior Compliance Officer