

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

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 21, 2026

**Graco Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Minnesota**

(State or other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**001-09249**

(Commission File Number)

**41-0285640**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**88 – 11th Avenue Northeast**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**55413**

(Zip Code)

**(612) 623-6000**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	GGG	The New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On May 21, 2026, Graco Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing it had signed a definitive agreement to acquire to acquire Valco Cincinnati, Inc. doing business as Valco Melton, a global provider of adhesive application and quality assurance systems.

The full text of the press release, dated May 21, 2026, is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information in the exhibit hereto contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Such statements are made based on the current beliefs and expectations of the Company’s management and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results or events may differ from those anticipated by forward-looking statements. Please refer to the last paragraph of the attached press release for information concerning risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may affect future results.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of this Current Report, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of such section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into future filings by the Company under the Securities Act, or under the Exchange Act, unless the Company expressly sets forth in such future filing that such information is to be considered “filed” or incorporated by reference therein.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

[99.1](#) Press Release dated May 21, 2026.

104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (included within the Inline XBRL document).

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GRACO INC.

Date: May 21, 2026

By: /s/ Joseph James Humke  
Joseph James Humke  
Its: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

# News Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

May 21, 2026

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## **Graco Inc. Enters into Definitive Agreement to Acquire Valco Melton, a Global Leader in Precision Adhesive Applications and Quality Assurance Systems**

**MINNEAPOLIS – May 21, 2026** – Graco Inc. (NYSE: GGG), a global leader in fluid and powder handling technologies, today announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Valco Melton, a global provider of adhesive application and quality assurance systems, for \$447 million in cash, including the present value of approximately \$40 million in expected tax benefits, subject to customary adjustments. This represents approximately 14x Valco Melton’s full year 2025 EBITDA. The transaction is expected to close in Graco’s fiscal third quarter following the satisfaction of closing conditions.

Valco Melton designs, manufactures, and supports industrial systems that precisely apply adhesives and verify quality during production. Its solutions are used primarily in packaging and other industrial manufacturing applications where quality, reliability, and consistent performance are critical.

“This acquisition is a strong strategic fit for Graco and a natural extension of our industrial portfolio,” said Mark Sheahan, President and CEO of Graco. “Valco Melton expands our capabilities in precision sealant and adhesive dispensing, which closely aligns with Graco’s core expertise in fluid handling, while adding complementary vision-based quality assurance systems. These additions to our portfolio strengthen our ability to help manufacturers improve productivity, quality, and uptime across demanding production environments.”

Valco Melton has approximately 650 employees, serves customers in more than 80 countries, and generated approximately \$145 million in revenue in 2025.

“Valco Melton’s global footprint, strong customer relationships, and history of innovation align closely with Graco’s operating model, and we look forward to partnering with their team to drive continued global organic growth,” said Sheahan.

The transaction supports Graco’s long-term strategy by expanding its presence in a growing market segment, enhancing its global reach, and adding capabilities that drive both original equipment and aftermarket demand. Valco Melton will become part of Graco’s Industrial division.

### **About Graco**

Graco Inc. supplies technology and expertise for the management of fluids and coatings in both industrial and commercial applications. It designs, manufactures and markets systems and equipment to move, measure, control, dispense and spray fluid and powder materials. A recognized leader in its specialties, Minneapolis-based Graco serves customers around the world in the manufacturing, processing, construction and maintenance industries. For additional information about Graco Inc., please visit us at [www.graco.com](http://www.graco.com).

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

The Company desires to take advantage of the “safe harbor” provisions regarding forward-looking statements of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and is filing this Cautionary Statement in order to do so. The

Company's statements about the expected impacts of the closing of the acquisition, including with respect to existing presence, benefits to customers, growth and expansion are forward-looking statements. The expected impacts of the closing of the acquisition could differ due to any event, change or other circumstance that prevents the parties from achieving these results in a timely fashion or at all.

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