

Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.  
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April 05, 2013

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Schedule TO**

**Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)**

**Of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Offeror))

**Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**21676P103**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

**Timothy W. Hefferon**

**Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary**

**Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.**

**39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive**

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Novi, Michigan 48375

(248) 596-5900

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and  
Communications on Behalf of the Filing Persons)

*With a copy to:*

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**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

<b>Transaction Valuation*</b>	<b>Amount of Filing Fee**</b>
\$200,000,000.00	\$27,280.00

\* The transaction value is estimated only for purposes of calculating the filing fee. This amount is based on the offer to purchase up to 4,651,162 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, at the tender offer price of \$43.00 per share, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$200,000,000.

\*\* The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as modified by Fee Rate Advisory No. 1 for fiscal year 2013, equals \$136.40 per million dollars of the value of the transaction.

.. Check the box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid: Not Applicable  
Form or Registration No.: Not Applicable

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Date Filed: Not Applicable

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- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer:

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO ( Schedule TO ) is being filed by Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Cooper Standard or the Company ), pursuant to Rule 13e 4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), in connection with the Company s offer to purchase for cash up to 4,651,162 shares of its common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock ) (collectively the Shares ) (or a lower amount if not enough Shares are properly tendered and not properly withdrawn, subject to a minimum of 2,906,976 Shares being properly tendered and not properly withdrawn) at a price of \$43.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash, less any applicable withholding taxes and without interest (the Offer ). The Company s Offer is being made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated April 5, 2013 ( Offer to Purchase ), and in the related Letter of Transmittal ( Letter of Transmittal ) which, as amended or supplemented from time to time, together constitute the Offer. This Schedule TO is being filed in accordance with Rule 13e 4(c)(2) under the Exchange Act.

All information in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is hereby expressly incorporated by reference in answer to all items in this Schedule TO, and as more particularly set forth below.

**ITEM 1. Summary Term Sheet.**

The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled Summary Term Sheet is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 2. Subject Company Information.**

(a) The name of the issuer is Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. The address of the Company s principal executive offices is 39550 Orchard Hill Place Drive, Novi, Michigan 48375. The Company s telephone number is (248) 596-5900.

(b) This Schedule TO relates to the Shares of Cooper Standard. As of March 31, 2013, there were 16,958,820 Shares issued and outstanding. The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled Introduction is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The information set forth in Section 8 ( Price Range of Shares; Dividends ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 3. Identity and Background of Filing Person.**

(a) Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. is the filing person and issuer. The information set forth in Item 2(a) is incorporated herein by reference. The information set forth in Section 11 ( Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 4. Terms of the Transaction.**

(a)(1)(i) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled Summary Term Sheet and Introduction, and in Section 1 ( Number of Shares; Purchase Price Proration ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(ii) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled Summary Term Sheet and Introduction, and in Section 1 ( Number of Shares; Purchase Price Proration ), Section 5 ( Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price ) and Section 9 ( Source and Amount of Funds ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(iii) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and *Introduction*, and in Section 1 ( *Number of Shares; Purchase Price Proration* ), Section 3 ( *Procedures for Tendering Shares* ) and Section 15 ( *Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(iv) Not applicable.

(a)(1)(v) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 15 ( *Extension of the Offer; Termination; Amendment* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(vi) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 4 ( *Withdrawal Rights* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(vii) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 3 ( *Procedures for Tendering Shares* ) and Section 4 ( *Withdrawal Rights* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(viii) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet*, in Section 3 ( *Procedures for Tendering Shares* ) and Section 5 ( *Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(ix) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet*, *Introduction*, in Section 1 ( *Number of Shares; Purchase Price Proration* ) and in Section 5 ( *Purchase of Shares and Payment of Purchase Price* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(x) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 2 ( *Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(xi) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 2 ( *Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(1)(xii) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 3 ( *Procedures for Tendering Shares* ) and Section 13 ( *United States Federal Income Tax Consequences* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(2)(i-vii) Not applicable.

(b) The information set forth in Section 11 ( *Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 5. *Past Contacts, Transactions, Negotiations and Agreements.***

(e) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled *Summary Term Sheet* and in Section 11 ( *Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares* ) of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 6. *Purposes of the Transaction and Plans or Proposals.***

(a) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled "Summary Term Sheet" and in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) The information set forth in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(c)(1-10) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled "Summary Term Sheet" and "Introduction" and in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer"), Section 9 ("Source and Amount of Funds"), Section 10 ("Certain Information Concerning the Company") and Section 11 ("Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 7. *Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.***

(a), (b) and (d) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled "Summary Term Sheet" and in Section 9 ("Source and Amount of Funds") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 8. *Interest in Securities of the Subject Company.***

(a) and (b) The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9. *Persons/Assets, Retained, Employed, Compensated or Used.***

(a) The information set forth in the section of the Offer to Purchase titled "Introduction" and in Section 2 ("Purpose of the Offer; Certain Effects of the Offer") and Section 16 ("Fees and Expenses") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 10. *Financial Statements.***

(a) and (b) Not applicable.

**ITEM 11. *Additional Information.***

(a)(1) The information set forth in Section 11 ("Interests of Directors, Executive Officers and Affiliates; Recent Securities Transactions; Transactions and Arrangements Concerning the Shares") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(2) The information set forth in Section 12 ("Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(3) The information set forth in Section 12 ("Certain Legal Matters; Regulatory Approvals") of the Offer to Purchase is incorporated herein by reference.

(a)(4) Not applicable.

(a)(5) None.

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(c) The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are filed as Exhibits (a)(1)(A) and (a)(1)(B) hereto, respectively, as each may be amended or supplemented from time to time, is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in all of the exhibits referred to in Item 12 below is incorporated herein by reference.

### ITEM 12. Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Description
(a)(1)(A)	Offer to Purchase, dated April 5, 2013.
(a)(1)(B)	Letter of Transmittal (including guidelines on What Number to Give the Depository on IRS Form W-9).
(a)(1)(C)	Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
(a)(1)(D)	Letter to Shareholders, dated April 5, 2013.
(a)(1)(E)	Letter to Brokers, Dealers, Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(1)(F)	Letter to Clients for use by Brokers, Dealers, Banks, Trust Companies and Other Nominees.
(a)(5)(A)	Form of Summary Advertisement.
(a)(5)(B)	Press Release issued by Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. on April 5, 2013.
(b)(1)	Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 19, 2013, by and among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and UBS Securities LLC (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on March 22, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference).
(b)(2)	Indenture, dated April 3, 2013, by and among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (form of Note included therein) (filed as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on April 4, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference).
(d)(1)	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 27, 2010, by and among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., the Backstop Purchasers and the other holders party thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(2)	Warrant Agreement, dated as of May 27, 2010, between Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., collectively as Warrant Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(3)	Fourth Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated July 1, 2008, by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. and James S. McElya (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008).
(d)(3)	Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2009, by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. and Allen J. Campbell (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008).
(d)(4)	Employment Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2009, by and among Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. and Keith D. Stephenson (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008).

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**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
(d)(5)	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Executive Severance Pay Plan effective January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(6)	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan, effective January 1, 2005 with Amendments through December 31, 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008).
(d)(7)	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, effective January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(8)	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Nonqualified Supplementary Benefit Plan, Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(9)	Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(10)	Form of Amendment to Employment Agreement, effective January 1, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(11)	2011 Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. Annual Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(12)	Director Nomination Agreement, made as of May 27, 2010, among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Oak Hill Advisors L.P., on behalf of certain funds and separate accounts that it manages (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(13)	Director Nomination Agreement, made as of May 27, 2010, among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Capital Research and Management Company, as investment advisor to certain funds it manages, TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IV, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IVB, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund V, L.P., TD High Yield Income Fund, and Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC, as investment manager on behalf of multiple clients (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(14)	Director Nomination Agreement, made as of May 27, 2010, among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Oak Hill Advisors L.P., on behalf of certain funds and separate accounts that it manages (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(15)	Director Nomination Agreement, made as of May 27, 2010, among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Capital Research and Management Company, as investment advisor to certain funds it manages, TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IV, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund IVB, L.P., TCW Shared Opportunity Fund V, L.P., TD High Yield Income Fund, and Lord, Abbett & Co. LLC, as investment manager on behalf of multiple clients (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(16)	2011 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).



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<b>Exhibit</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
(d)(17)	Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Stock Award Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(18)	Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(19)	Form of Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010).
(d)(20)	Form of 2012 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012).
(d)(21)	Form of 2012 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012).
(d)(22)	2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(23)	Form of 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(24)	Form of 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for key employees (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(25)	Form of 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement for directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(26)	Form of 2010 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. Management Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Award Agreement for directors (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010).
(d)(27)	Letter Agreement between James S. McElya, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated October 1, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012).
(d)(28)	Letter Agreement between Jeffrey S. Edwards, Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated October 1, 2012 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2012).
(d)(29)	Letter Agreement between D. William Pumphrey, Jr., Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. and Cooper-Standard Automotive Inc. dated August 16, 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.30 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012).
(d)(30)	Form of 2012 Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. 2011 Omnibus Incentive Plan Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Non-Management Directors) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.31 to Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012).

**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
(d)(31)	Escrow Agreement, dated April 3, 2013, by and among Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc., U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, and U.S. Bank National Association, as escrow agent (filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed on April 4, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference).
(g)	Not applicable.
(h)	Not applicable.

**Item 13. Information Required by Schedule 13E-3.**

Not applicable.

**SIGNATURES**

After due 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.

COOPER-STANDARD HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Timothy W. Hefferon  
Name: Timothy W. Hefferon  
Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: April 5, 2013