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Registration Statement No. 333-

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

DANAHER CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

59-1995548
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-1813
(202) 828-0850

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

**DANAHER CORPORATION & SUBSIDIARIES RETIREMENT AND SAVINGS
PLAN;**

DANAHER CORPORATION & SUBSIDIARIES SAVINGS PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Patrick W. Allender
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
2099 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006-1813
(202) 828-0850

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service of process)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered | Amount to be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
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| Common Stock, \$.01 par value | 1,000,000 shares(1)(2) | \$70.22(3) | \$70,220,000(3) | \$6,409 |
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| Interest in the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Retirement and Savings Plan | (4) | (5) | (5) | (5) |
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| Interest in the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Savings Plan | (4) | (5) | (5) | (5) |
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- (1) The number of shares being registered represent the number of shares that may be acquired by the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Retirement & Savings Plan or the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Savings Plan in connection with a participant's election to invest a portion of his or her interest in such plan in a fund that invests in Danaher's common stock.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement also covers an indeterminate number of shares as may be required to cover possible adjustments under the plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, share combination, exchange of shares, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, separation, reorganization, liquidation or the like, of or by the Registrant.
- (3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) based on the average of the high and low per share prices of the Common Stock on July 25, 2003, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange.
- (4) Pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate number of plan interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Retirement and Savings Plan and the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Savings Plan.
- (5) Pursuant to Rule 457(h)(2) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, no separate fee is required to register plan interests.

PART I

As permitted by Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement omits the information specified in Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be delivered to the participants in the plans covered by this registration statement, as required by Rule 428(b) under the Securities Act. All such documents will be dated and maintained in a "prospectus file" meeting the requirements of Rule 428(a) and will contain in a conspicuous place the legend required by Rule 428(b)(1). Such documents are not being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of this registration statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

**PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Item 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed by Danaher Corporation (the "Registrant," the "Company," "Danaher," "we," "our," "us")) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") (File No. 1-08089) are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

- (a)

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The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002;

(b)

The Registrant's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 28, 2003 and June 27, 2003, respectively; and

(c)

The description of Danaher common stock as set forth in its registration statement on Form 8-B filed on November 3, 1986, including all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not applicable.

Item 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not applicable.

Item 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Under Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL"), a corporation may indemnify its directors, officers, employees and agents and its former directors, officers, employees and agents and those who serve, at the corporation's request, in such capacities with another enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), as well as judgments, fines and

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settlements in nonderivative lawsuits, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding in which they or any of them were or are made parties or are threatened to be made parties by reason of their serving or having served in such capacity. The DGCL provides, however, that such person must have acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in (or not opposed to) the best interests of the corporation and, in the case of a criminal action, such person must have had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. In addition, the DGCL does not permit indemnification in an action or suit by or in the right of the corporation, where such person has been adjudged liable to the corporation, unless, and only to the extent that, a court determines that such person fairly and reasonably is entitled to indemnity for costs the court deems proper in light of liability adjudication. Indemnity is mandatory to the extent a claim, issue or matter has been successfully defended.

Article Ten of Danaher's Certificate of Incorporation provides that Danaher will indemnify its directors and officers to the full extent permitted by law and that no director shall be liable for monetary damages to Danaher or its stockholders for any breach of fiduciary duty, except to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Danaher or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit. Article Eight of Danaher's By-laws provides that Danaher will indemnify directors, officers, employees or agents of Danaher in non-derivative claims if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Danaher, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. For non-derivative claims, termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, in itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of

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Danaher, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that such person's conducts was unlawful. For derivative claims, Article Eight of Danaher's By-laws provides that Danaher will indemnify directors, officers, employees or agents of Danaher if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of Danaher; except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to Danaher unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Danaher has in effect insurance policies for general officers' and directors' liability insurance covering all of Danaher's officers and directors.

Item 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

Item 8. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 23.1 | Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors |
| 23.2 | Notice Regarding Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP |
| 24.1 | Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this Registration Statement) |

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The Company previously received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service that the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Retirement & Savings Plan is a qualified plan under the Internal Revenue Code and will submit the Danaher Corporation & Subsidiaries Savings Plan for a similar determination in a timely manner as permitted under the Code. The Company hereby undertakes to submit any amendments to the Plans to the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") in a timely manner, and will make all changes required by the IRS in order to maintain the tax qualifications of the Plans.

Item 9. UNDERTAKINGS

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

- (a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement;
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(i) and (a)(ii) of this Item 9 do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

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