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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

November 3, 2003 (November 3, 2003)

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-9076	13-3295276
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 484-4400

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits. _____

(c) Exhibits.

99. Press release of Registrant dated November 3, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure. _____ _____

Registrant is furnishing its press release dated November 3, 2003. The press release is included herewith as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE _____

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

> FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. _____ (Registrant)

By /s/ C. P. Omtvedt

_____ C. P. Omtvedt

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 3, 2003

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