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FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 13, 2002

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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 13, 2002 (November 12, 2002)

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-9076

13-3295276

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois

60069

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(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 5. Other Events.  
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Registrant's press release dated November 12, 2002, reporting Registrant's reaffirmation of 2002 earnings guidance, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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(c) Exhibits.  
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99. Press release of Registrant dated November 12, 2002.

SIGNATURE  
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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.  
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(Registrant)

By /s/ C. P. Omtvedt  
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C. P. Omtvedt  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 13, 2002

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