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FORTUNE BRANDS INC Form 8-K October 16, 2003

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

October 16, 2003 (October 16, 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)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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	(c) Exhibits.	
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Item 9.	Regulation FD Disclosure (Information Fur Furnished Pursuant to Item 12).	nished in this Item 9 is
12, "Res	Registrant is furnishing its prestich reports Registrant's third quarter 2003 ults of Operation and Financial Conditions" is included herewith as Exhibit 99 and is ite.	results, pursuant to Item of Form 8-K. The press
	SIGNATURE	
	Pursuant to the requirements of t amended, the Registrant has duly caused th in its behalf by the undersigned thereunto d	is Current Report to be
		FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.
		(Registrant)
		By /s/ C. P. Omtvedt
		C. P. Omtvedt Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Date: O	october 16, 2003	
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