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FORTUNE BRANDS INC Form 8-K April 23, 2004

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

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

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

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99. Press release of Registrant dated April 23, 2004.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure (Information Furnished in this Item 9 is Furnished Pursuant to Item 12).

Registrant is furnishing its press release dated April 23, 2004, which reports Registrant's first quarter 2004 results, pursuant to Item 12, "Results of Operation and Financial Conditions" of Form 8-K. 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: April 23, 2004

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