#### **GENUINE PARTS CO** Form 4

March 15, 2005

### FORM 4

### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* **GALLAGHER THOMAS** 

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

GENUINE PARTS CO [GPC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

**GENUINE PARTS** COMPANY, 2999 CIRCLE 75

**PKWY** 

(Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2005

\_X\_\_ Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ATLANTA, GA 30339

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative **Expiration Date** Conversion

7. Title and Amo

Underlying Secu

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year	r)	(Instr. 3 and	4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Ar or Nu of
Stock Appreciation Right (1)	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005		A	78,000	03/14/2006(2)	03/14/2015	Common Stock	7:
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) (1)	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005		A	78,000	03/14/2006(2)	03/14/2015	Common Stock	78
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 (3)	03/14/2005		A	10,000	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	10

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
GALLAGHER THOMAS GENUINE PARTS COMPANY 2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY ATLANTA, GA 30339	X		Chief Executive Officer				

## **Signatures**

Carol Yancey Attorney 03/15/2005 in Fact

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock appreciation right and the employee stock option were granted in tandem. Accordingly, the exercise of one results in the expiration of the other.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest 1/3 per year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date provided the reporting person is still employed on those dates, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of GPC common stock at a future date.
- The restricted stock units will be earned on December 31, 2005 provided certain pre-tax profit targets are achieved by GPC for fiscal year (4) 2005. If earned, the units will vest and convert to shares of common stock on December 31, 2009 provided the reporting person is still employed on that date, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.

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