GENUINE PARTS CO Form 8-K October 16, 2003

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): October 16, 2003

GENUINE PARTS COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

| Georgia | 001-05690 | 58-0254510 |
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| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

2999 Circle 75 Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

(Addresses of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(770) 953-1700

(Registrant s Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

The information contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K of Genuine Parts Company is being furnished pursuant to
Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition of the Securities and Exchange Commission s (the SEC) Form 8-K in accordance with the guidance provided under SEC Release Nos. 33-8216 and 34-47583.

The information, including the exhibits attached hereto, in this Current Report on Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or into any filing or other document pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as otherwise expressly stated in any such filing.

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release of Genuine Parts Company, dated October 16, 2003, reporting Genuine Parts Company financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2003.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

GENUINE PARTS COMPANY

By: /s/ Jerry W. Nix

Name: Jerry W. Nix

Title: Executive Vice President Finance

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: October 16, 2003

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated October 16, 2003. |