

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OMTVEDT CRAIG P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
520 LAKE COOK ROAD
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/16/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President & CFO

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 per share | 11/16/2006 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 50,000 A | \$ 46.78 95,335 | D | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 per share | 11/16/2006 | | S | 24,000 D | \$ 80.5 71,335 | D | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | | S | 200 D | \$ 80.51 71,135 | D | |

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|-------------------------------|------------|---|--------|---|-------------|--------|---|
| Value \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 80.52 | 70,335 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 700 | D | \$ 80.53 | 69,635 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 80.54 | 69,235 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 18,600 | D | \$ 80.55 | 50,635 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 1,400 | D | \$ 80.56 | 49,235 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 80.57 | 48,435 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 900 | D | \$ 80.58 | 47,535 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 600 | D | \$ 80.59 | 46,935 | D |
| \$3.125 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value | 11/16/2006 | S | 600 | D | \$ 80.6 | 46,335 | D |

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\$3.125 per share

Common Stock, Par Value

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|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| 11/16/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 80.61 | 46,035 | D |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|

\$3.125 per share

Common Stock, Par Value

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|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| 11/16/2006 | S | 400 | D | \$ 80.62 | 45,635 | D |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|

\$3.125 per share

Common Stock, Par Value

| | | | | | | |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| 11/16/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 80.63 | 45,535 | D |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|

\$3.125 per share

Common Stock, Par Value

| | | | | | | |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|
| 11/16/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 80.64 | 45,335 | D |
|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|

\$3.125 per share

Common Stock, Par Value

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|----------------------|---|
| | | | | | 2,567 ⁽²⁾ | I |
|--|--|--|--|--|----------------------|---|

\$3.125 per share

By Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust

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)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |

Options
 (Right to Buy) \$ 46.78 11/16/2006 M⁽¹⁾ 50,000 09/23/2003 09/23/2012 Common 50,000

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| OMTVEDT CRAIG P 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015 | | | Senior Vice President & CFO | |

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Craig P.
 Omtvedt 11/17/2006

__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) Reflects the exercise of options granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (2) The number of shares reported as held by the Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportional beneficial interest in the common stock held in the Trust as of November 16, 2006.

Remarks:

On November 16, 2006, Mr. Omtvedt exercised and subsequently sold 50,000 options granted under the issuer's Long Term Incentive Plan.

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