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FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2003

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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

April 17, 2003 (April 17, 2003)

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-9076

13-3295276

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois

60069

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 484-4400  
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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99. Press release of Registrant dated April 17, 2003.

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 17, 2003, which reports Registrant's first quarter 2003 results, pursuant to Item 12, "Results of Operations and Financial Condition", 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.  
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(Registrant)

By /s/ C. P. Omtvedt  
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C. P. Omtvedt  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 17, 2003

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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99.	Press release of Registrant dated April 17, 2003.