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FORTUNE BRANDS INC
Form 8-K
January 23, 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

January 23, 2003 (January 22, 2003)

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
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer 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

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Item 5. Other Events.

Registrant's press release dated January 22, 2003, reporting Registrant's fourth quarter and full year 2002 results, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99. Press release of Registrant dated January 22, 2003.

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: January 23, 2003

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