

GENUINE PARTS CO  
Form 8-K  
August 18, 2008

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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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):

August 18, 2008

Genuine Parts Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

001-05690

58-0254510

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2999 Circle 75 Pkwy, Atlanta, Georgia

30339

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

770.953.1700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 18, 2008, the Board of Directors of Genuine Parts Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.39 cents per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable October 1, 2008 to shareholders of record September 5, 2008. Genuine Parts Company also announced that its Office Products Group, S.P. Richards Company, has signed a definitive agreement to purchase the midwestern U.S. business assets of ActionEmco. ActionEmco is a regional office products wholesale distributor and S.P. Richards Company is purchasing the portion of their dealer business serviced from their Grand Rapids, Michigan distribution center. The effective date of the transaction is planned for October 3, 2008, and the Company expects the purchase to generate annual revenues of approximately \$50 million. A copy of the press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 18, 2008

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**SIGNATURES**

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

*August 18, 2008*

*By: Jerry W. Nix*

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*Name: Jerry W. Nix*

*Title: Vice Chairman and CFO*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>           |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 99.1                      | Press Release dated August 18, 2008 |