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> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

> > SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 (AMENDMENT NO. _3_)*

Genuine Parts Company

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

372460105

(CUSIP Number)

February 28, 2002

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)
[] Rule 13d-1(c)
[] Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATI Dodge & Cox	ION NO. OF	ABOVE PERSON 94-1441976				

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CHECK THE APP	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*							
N/A			(d)	L_J				
SEC USE ONLY	SEC USE ONLY							
	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California - U.S.A.							
NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 16,505,008						
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 172,800						
EACH REPORTING		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 17,576,895						
PERSON WITH	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0						
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CHECK BOX IF N/A	THE A	GGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES C	ERTAIN	SHARES*				
PERCENT OF CL 10.1%								
TYPE OF REPOR IA	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* IA							
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- Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Genuine Parts Company
- Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 2999 Circle 75 Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

- Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: Dodge & Cox
- Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence: One Sansome St., 35th Floor San Francisco, CA 94104

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- Item 2(c) Citizenship: ------California - U.S.A.
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common
- Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
 - (e) [X] An investment advisor in accordance with section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)
- Item 4 Ownership:

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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote: 16,505,008
- (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote: 172,800
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 17,576,895
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: Not applicable.
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially owned by clients of Dodge & Cox, which clients may include investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act and/or employee

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benefit plans, pension funds, endowment funds or other institutional clients.

- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group: ------Not applicable.
- Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 4, 2002

DODGE & COX

By: /S/ Thomas M. Mistele

Name: Thomas M. Mistele Title: Vice President

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