

GENUINE PARTS CO  
Form 8-K  
April 20, 2009

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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):

April 20, 2009

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Mr. Larry Samuelson has retired from his position as President, U.S. Automotive Parts Group effective May 1, 2009. Tom Gallagher, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer has assumed Mr. Samuelson's responsibilities.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On April 20, 2009, the Board of Directors of Genuine Parts Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.40 cents per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable July 1, 2009 to shareholders of record June 5, 2009. 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 April 20, 2009

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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

*April 20, 2009*

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>          |
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| 99.1                      | Press Release dated April 20, 2009 |