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> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 10-K/A

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Mark One)

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

[] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to ____

Commission file number 1-3932

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 38-1490038

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

2000 North M-63, Benton Harbor, Michigan (Address of principal executive offices)

49022-2692

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (616) 923-5000

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered _____

7 3/4% Debentures due 2016

Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share

Preferred Stock Purchase Rights

Chicago Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange

Chicago Stock Exchange and New York Stock Exchange New York Stock Exchange

> Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: NONE

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No __

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (ss.229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in

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definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [X]

The aggregate market value of the voting stock of the registrant held by stockholders not including voting stock held by directors and executive officers of the registrant and certain employee plans of the registrant (the exclusion of such shares shall not be deemed an admission by the registrant that any such person is an affiliate of the registrant) on February 25, 2002, was \$4,372,341,382.

On February 25, 2002, the registrant had 66,654,106 shares of common stock outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the following documents are incorporated herein by reference into the Part of the Form 10-K indicated:

Document

The Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2001 (the "Annual Report")

Company's proxy statement for the 2002 annual meeting of stockholders (SEC File No. 1-3932) (the "Proxy Statement")

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Parts I, II and

Part III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Whirlpool Corporation hereby amends its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 (the "Form 10-K") (filed under 1-3932 on March 5, 2002) as set forth in this Annual Report on Form 10-K/A (the "Form 10-K/A"). This Form 10-K/A includes an amendment to the following section of the Form 10-K:

Page F-2. Report of Ernst & Young LLP Independent Auditors. This document reflects the conformed signed copy of the report. The only change to this document is to include the conformed signature of Ernst & Young LLP which was omitted on the original submission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION (Registrant)

By: /s/ Mark E. Brown

Mark E. Brown
(Principal Financial Officer)
Executive Vice President

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and Chief Financial Officer

July 16, 2002

Report of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors

The Stockholders and Board of Directors Whirlpool Corporation
Benton Harbor, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Whirlpool Corporation as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the index at Item 14(a). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Whirlpool Corporation as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, in 2001 the Company changed its method of accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois February 4, 2002