

GENUINE PARTS CO  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2003

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**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): November 17, 2003

**GENUINE PARTS COMPANY**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Georgia

001-05690

58-0254510

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(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

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(Commission  
File Number)

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(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

2999 Circle 75 Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

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(Addresses of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)  
(770) 953-1700

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(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

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EX-99.1 PRESS RELEASE DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2003

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**Item 5. Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Board of Directors of Genuine Parts Company declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of 29.5 cents per share on the Company's common stock.

The dividend is payable January 2, 2004 to shareholders of record December 5, 2003.

In addition, the Board of Directors elected Wendy Beale Needham as a new Director of the Company. Ms. Needham recently retired after 20 years of service in the automotive aftermarket in various research positions.

Attached and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit 99.1 is a copy of the press release of Genuine Parts Company, dated November 17, 2003, reporting Genuine Parts Company dividend payable January 2, 2004.

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**SIGNATURE**

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

By: /s/ Jerry W. Nix

Name: Jerry W. Nix

Title: Executive Vice President Finance (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: November 17, 2003

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release, dated November 17, 2003.