

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROCHE MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

300 TOWER PARKWAY

(Street)

LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/02/2004

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. VP, General Counsel, Secy.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 ⁽¹⁾	12/02/2004		M ⁽²⁾		30,833	A	\$ 24.5
					74,408 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 ⁽¹⁾	12/02/2004		S		30,833	D	\$ 78.23
					5,493 ⁽¹⁾ ⁽³⁾	I	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 ⁽¹⁾							
							By Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 24.5	12/02/2004		M ⁽²⁾	30,833 ⁽¹⁾	09/26/2001	09/26/2010	Common Stock	30,833 ⁽¹⁾

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROCHE MARK A 300 TOWER PARKWAY LINCOLNSHIRE, IL 60069			Sr. VP, General Counsel, Secy.	

Signatures

Russell W. Hahn, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Roche
12/03/2004

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Attached to each share of common stock is one Preferred Share Purchase Right that is not presently transferable from the common stock.
- (2) Reflects the exercise of options granted under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (3) The number of shares reported as held by the Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportional beneficial interest in the common stock held in the Trust as of December 2, 2004.

Remarks:

On December 2, 2004, Mr. Roche performed a cashless exercise of options issued under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plan. Specifically, he purchased and then subsequently sold 30,833 shares of the issuer's common stock. After this transaction, he d owned 43,575 shares of the issuer's common stock and options to purchase 293,767 shares. Mr. Roche also indirectly owns 5,493 shares under the Fortune Brands Retirement Savings Plan.

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