

GENUINE PARTS CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GALLAGHER THOMAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENUINE PARTS  
COMPANY, 2999 CIRCLE 75  
PKWY

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENUINE PARTS CO [GPC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/14/2005

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)  
Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	
Stock Appreciation Right <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005	A		78,000	03/14/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/14/2015	Common Stock	7
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005	A		78,000	03/14/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	03/14/2015	Common Stock	7
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/14/2005	A		10,000	<sup>(4)</sup>	<sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	10

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GALLAGHER THOMAS GENUINE PARTS COMPANY 2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY ATLANTA, GA 30339	X		Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

Carol Yancey Attorney  
in Fact 03/15/2005

<sup>(1)</sup>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) The stock appreciation right and the employee stock option were granted in tandem. Accordingly, the exercise of one results in the expiration of the other.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest 1/3 per year beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date provided the reporting person is still employed on those dates, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.
- (3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of GPC common stock at a future date.  
The restricted stock units will be earned on December 31, 2005 provided certain pre-tax profit targets are achieved by GPC for fiscal year 2005. If earned, the units will vest and convert to shares of common stock on December 31, 2009 provided the reporting person is still employed on that date, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.

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