

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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): November 18, 2009

**Fortune Brands, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**520 Lake Cook Road**

**Deerfield, IL 60015**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(847) 484-4400**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

The exhibits listed in the accompanying Exhibit Index relate to the Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR (the Registration Statement ) (Registration Statement No. 333-159008), filed by Fortune Brands, Inc. (the Company ) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on May 6, 2009, as supplemented by the final prospectus supplement dated November 18, 2009, filed with the SEC on November 19, 2009, and is filed herewith for incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement in connection with the offering and sale of \$400,000,000 aggregate principal amount of the Company s 3.000% Notes due 2012.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

5.1 Opinion of Chadbourne & Parke LLP.

23.1 Consent of Chadbourne & Parke LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).

**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.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: November 20, 2009

By */s/* LAUREN S. TASHMA  
Name: **Lauren S. Tashma**  
Title: **Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary**

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number	Description
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