

Stevens William J
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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 *
 Stevens William J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/02/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

(Street)
 ATLANTA, GA 30339

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | An or Nu of |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|--|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 63.28 | 04/02/2012 | A | 12,700 | | | | | 04/02/2013 ⁽²⁾ | 04/02/2022 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 63.28 | 04/02/2012 | A | 12,700 | | | | | 04/02/2013 ⁽²⁾ | 04/02/2022 | Common Stock | 1 |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 04/02/2012 | A | 4,850 | | | | | ⁽⁴⁾ | ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock | 4 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stevens William J 2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY ATLANTA, GA 30339 | | | Executive Vice President | |

Signatures

Carol B. Yancey Attorney
in Fact 04/03/2012

**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.
- (4) The restricted stock units will be earned on December 31, 2012 provided certain pre-tax profit targets are achieved by GPC for fiscal year 2012. If earned, the units will vest and convert to shares of common stock on December 1, 2016 provided the reporting person is still employed on that date, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.

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