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THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 24, 2003

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) OCTOBER 24, 2003  
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THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-5426

61-0505332

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(Commission File Number)

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4360 BROWNSBORO ROAD, SUITE 300  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

40207

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code 502/893-4600  
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N/A

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 24, 2003

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announcing third quarter sales and earnings.

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On October 24, 2003, Thomas Industries Inc. issued a press release announcing third quarter sales and earnings. A copy of the press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference in any other filing under the Securities Exchange Act or Securities Act of 1933 except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to this Form 8-K in such filing.

SIGNATURES

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.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Phillip J. Stuecker

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Phillip J. Stuecker, Vice President of  
Finance, Chief Financial Officer, and  
Secretary

Dated: October 24, 2003