

ROCHE MARK A
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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 *
ROCHE MARK A

(Last) (First) (Middle)
520 LAKE COOK ROAD
(Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/04/2008

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)
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	03/04/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	2,938 A	\$ 33.17 62,755	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125					10,275 ⁽²⁾	I	By Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust

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 (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 33.17	03/04/2008		M ⁽¹⁾	2,938	11/16/1999 11/16/2008	Common	2,938

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROCHE MARK A 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015			Sr. VP General Counsel & Secy	

Signatures

Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Mark A. Roche
Date: 03/05/2008

**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) Reflects the exercise of options under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans.
- (2) 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 March 4, 2008.

Remarks:

On March 4, 2008, Mr. Roche exercised 2,938 options granted to him under the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans. As a result of this exercise, the undersigned's ownership interest in the common stock of the issuer has increased. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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