

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 425  
December 13, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF**  
**THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported) December 12, 2005

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**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**1-3932**  
(Commission File Number)

**38-1490038**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**49022-2692**  
(Zip Code)

**(269) 923-5000**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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***Item 8.01 Other Events***

On December 12, 2005, Whirlpool Corporation issued a press release. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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

99.1 Copy of press release dated December 12, 2005.

*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.

WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

Date: December 13, 2005

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary

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| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>                    |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1               | Press Release dated December 12, 2005 |