

Clayton Robert Bruce
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Clayton Robert Bruce

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/14/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Sr Vice Pres Human Resources

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

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)
			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 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)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)			
Stock Appreciation Right ⁽¹⁾	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005	A		9,000	03/14/2006 ⁽²⁾	03/14/2015	Common Stock	9,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	\$ 43.93	03/14/2005	A		9,000	03/14/2006 ⁽²⁾	03/14/2015	Common Stock	9,000
Restricted Stock Units	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾	03/14/2005	A		1,400	⁽⁴⁾	⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	1,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Clayton Robert Bruce 2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY ATLANTA, GA 30339			Sr Vice Pres Human Resources	

Signatures

Carol Yancey Attorney
in Fact

03/15/2005

__**Signature of Reporting Person

Date _____

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- (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.

The restricted stock units will be earned on December 31, 2005 provided certain pre-tax profit targets are achieved by GPC for fiscal year 2005. If earned, the units will vest and convert to shares of common stock on December 31, 2009 provided the reporting person is still employed on that date, subject to earlier vesting in certain events.

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