

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
Form 8-K
July 21, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): July 21, 2004

Commission File Number: 1-4797

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) **36-1258310** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL (Address of principal executive offices) **60026-1215** (Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): 847- 724-7500

Not Applicable
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Exhibit Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated July 21, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 12). |
| 99.2 | Presentation from Illinois Tool Works Inc. second quarter conference call on July 21, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 12). |

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

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On July 21, 2004, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (the Company) announced its 2004 second quarter results of operations in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1. The Company s presentation from the second quarter conference call held on July 21, 2004 is furnished as Exhibit 99.2

Disclosure regarding why the Company s management believes the presentation of free operating cash flow provides useful information to investors is included in the Company s 2003 Annual Report of Form 10-K. A reconciliation of free operating cash flows to net cash provided by operating activities is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Dated: July 21, 2004

/s/ Jon C. Kinney

Jon C. Kinney
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting Officer)