

FORTUNE BRANDS INC
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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 *
TATLOCK ANNE M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC., 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)

03/18/2008

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)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 | 03/18/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,099 A \$ 36.21 | 13,384 | D |
| Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125 | 03/18/2008 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 1,198 D \$ 63.43 | 12,186 | D |

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) | \$ 36.21 | 03/18/2008 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 2,099 | 04/28/1999 04/28/2008 | Common | 2,099 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TATLOCK ANNE M FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015 | X | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Angela M. Pla, Attorney-in-Fact for Anne M. Tatlock 03/20/2008

**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 stock options issued under the issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plans.
- (2) Reflects the number of shares delivered in payment of the exercise price.

Remarks:

On March 18, 2008, Mrs. Tatlock exercised 2,099 options granted to her under the issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plans.

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