

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.  
 Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person  
 A. Thomas Bender  
 6140 Stoneridge Mall Road  
 Suite 590  
 CA, Pleasanton 94588
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 The Cooper Companies, Inc. (COO)
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Statement for Month/Day/Year  
 3/4/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 (X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other  
 (specify below)  
 Chief Executive Officer
7. 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	2. Trans- action Date	2A. Exec- ution Date	3. Trans- action Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans(s)	6. Dir- ect (D) or Indir- ect(I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/ D	Price			
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		M	6800	A	17.00		D	
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		S	1200	D	29.15		D	
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		S	800	D	29.09		D	
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		S	2000	D	28.75		D	
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		S	800	D	28.83		D	
Common Stock	3/3/ 2 003		S	2000	D	28.86		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		M	25000	A	17.00		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	500	D	28.94		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	4500	D	28.82		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	5000	D	28.90		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	1000	D	28.89		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	200	D	29.05		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	9800	D	29.00		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	700	D	28.90		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	300	D	28.91		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	1000	D	28.95		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	500	D	28.98		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	500	D	28.96		D	
Common Stock	3/4/ 2 003		S	1000	D	28.88	55494 1	D	
Common Stock							5666 1	I	wife

Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed Execution	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. Price of Derivative Security	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reporting Transaction(s)	10. Director or Officer (D) or Indirect Ownership (I)	11. Nature of Indirect or Beneficial Ownership
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) with tandem tax withholding rights	17.00	1	3/3/2003	M	1	7/8/06	Common Stock	17.00	1	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend on November 22, 2002

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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