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## 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): September 18, 1997

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8597 94-2657368 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) of incorporation)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588 (Address of principal executive offices)

(510) 460-3600 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS.

On September 18, 1997, The Cooper Companies, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the completion of its agreement with KeyBank National Association to provide a \$50 million senior secured revolving credit facility. This release is filed as an exhibit hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release Dated September 18, 1997 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.

## 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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Stephen C. Whiteford

Stephen C. Whiteford Vice President and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)

Dated: September 18, 1997

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## COOPER RECEIVES \$50 MILLION CREDIT FACILITY

Irvine, Calif., September 18, 1997 - The Cooper Companies, Inc. (NYSE: COO) announced today the completion of its agreement with KeyBank National Association to provide a \$50 million senior secured revolving credit facility with a term of five years and interest rates ranging from 0.5% to 2% over the London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) depending upon certain financial ratios. The Company intends to use the proceeds to fund acquisitions and, as required, for general corporate purposes.

The Cooper Companies, Inc. and its subsidiaries develop, manufacture and market specialty healthcare products and services. Corporate offices are located in Irvine and Pleasanton, Calif. CooperVision, Inc., headquartered in Irvine, Calif., with manufacturing facilities in Huntington Beach, Calif., Rochester, N. Y., and Toronto, markets a broad range of contact lenses for the vision care market. CooperSurgical, Inc., headquartered in Shelton, Conn., markets diagnostic and surgical instruments, equipment and accessories for the gynecological market. Hospital Group of America, Inc. provides psychiatric services through hospitals in New Jersey, Delaware, Illinois and Indiana and satellite locations near these facilities.

NOTE: A toll free interactive telephone system at 1-800-334-1986 provides stock quotes, recent press releases and financial data. The Company's Internet address is www.coopercos.com.

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