

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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

() Form 3 Holdings Reported
 () Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

David Acosta
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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/Year

12/2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

Treasurer

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (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. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Year	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			

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 Date	4. 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 at End of Year	10. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
				Amount	A/D	Exercisable Date	Expiration Date					

Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	R/22.25	3/25/2002	A	4000	A	1	3/24/2012	Common Stock	4000	4000	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests when the average of the closing prices during any 30 consecutive days following the date of grant reaches \$26.70. However, 50% of the option shall become exercisable at that time and 50% will become exercisable 2 years thereafter.

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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