

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
 Paul L. Rimmell
 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
 3/26/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other
 (specify below)
 COO, VP Finance-CooperSurgical
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) Amount	A/ D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans- action(s)	6. Dir- ect (D) or Indir- ect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Con- version or Exer- cise Price of Deriva- tive Secu- rity	3. Trans- action (Month/ Day/ Year)	3A. Deemed Execu- tion (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code	5. Number of De- rivative Secu- rities Acqui- red(A) or Dis- posed of(D) Amount	6. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8. Price of Deri- vative Secu- rity	9. Number of Deriva- tive Securities Benefi- cially Owned Follow- ing Reported Trans- action(s)	10. Dir- ect (D) or Indir- ect (I)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
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Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	29.50	3/25/2003		A	60000	3/25/13	Common Stock	60000	29.50	60000	D	
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Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: 20,000 shares vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$35.00 by 12-31-04; 20,000 shares vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$39.50 by 12-31-05; and 20,000 shares vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$44.00 by 12-31-06. Within each tranche, one-third becomes exercisable when the price target is met and one-third each one and two

SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

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