

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
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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/Year

9/10/2002

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/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. Transaction Date	3. Code	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Amount	A/D	Price			
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1000	D	50.44		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	900	D	50.41		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	M	25000	A	49.06		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	2000	D	49.06		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	3000	D	49.00		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1900	D	49.72		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	100	D	49.88		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1000	D	49.82		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1000	D	49.89		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1000	D	49.99		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	200	D	50.60		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1800	D	50.55		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	200	D	50.51		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	800	D	50.50		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	200	D	50.46		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1800	D	50.45		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	300	D	50.10		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	700	D	50.29		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	200	D	50.45		D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	S	1800	D	50.40		D	

Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		1100	D	50.42			D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		1600	D	50.33			D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		1000	D	50.32			D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		400	D	50.35			D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		800	D	50.30			D	
Common Stock	9/9/2002	2	S		200	D	50.31	27747		D	
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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. 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 at End of Month	10. Director or Indirect Ownership	11. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (D) or Indirect Ownership (I)
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) with tax withholding rights	26.00	9/9/2002	M	25000	D 8/21/97 7/8/06	Common Stock 25000		34000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. 30,000 at \$16.00/share became exercisable on 1/8/97, 54,000 shares at \$20.00/share became exercisable on 3/7/97; 54,000 shares at \$26.00/share became exercisable on 8/21/97; and 30,000 shares at 34.00/share became exercisable on 10/1/97.