FORM 4

Instruction 1(b)

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BATTIN B NORRIS |  |                         |                                 |                          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol COOPER COMPANIES INC [ COO ] |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  Officer (give title Vother (specify |      |  |           |  |  |
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| (Last) THE CO COM   | THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.THE COOPER   |                         |                                 |                          | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/27/2003              |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   | Officer (give title X Other (specify below)  VP, Investor Relations  |      |  |           |  |  |
| 21062 BAKE PARKWAY, #20021062 BAKE<br>PARKW               |  |                         |                                 | 4.                       | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                 |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  |      |  |           |  |  |
| (Street)  | OREST C  | A                       | 92630                           |                          |  |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   |  |      | led by Mor   | •         | orting Persor<br>I One Repor   |  |
| (City)  | (S   | tate)                   | (Zip)                           |                          |  |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   |  |      |  |           |  |  |
|   |  | Tab                     | le I - Non-D                    | erivativ                 | e Se   | curities | s Ac  | quired, D  | isposed            | of, or Be   | nefici                            | ally O   | wned |  |           |  |  |
| Date  |  |                         | Transaction<br>te<br>onth/Day/Y | Execution Date,          |  | Date     | e, Transaction Disposed Of (<br>Code (Instr. 5) |  |                    | ties Acquired (A) or<br>I Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and   |                                   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                  |      | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)                                  |           | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |
|   |  |                         |                                 |                          |  | Code V   | Amount  | Amount (A) or (D)  |                    | _ Tr  |                                   |  |      | (  | Instr. 4) |  |  |
|   | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |                         |                                 |                          |  |          |   |  |                    |   |                                   |  |      |  |           |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)       | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security  | (Month/Day/Year) if any | Execution Date                  | Date, Transac<br>Code (I |  |          |   | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                   | Deriv<br>Secu  |      | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) |           | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|   |  |                         |                                 | Code                     | v  | (A)      | (D)   | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er   |      |  |           |  |  |
| Incentive<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)         | \$41.44  | 10/27/2003              | 10/28/2003                      | A                        |  | 16,000   |   | (1)  | 10/26/2013         | Common<br>Stock   | 16,00                             | 00 \$4   | 1.44 | 16,000   | )         | D  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests if the Company's stock price achieves certain targets within specified timeframes as follows: one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$46.41, but not earlier than 5/1/04; one-fourth shall vest if Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$49.73, but not earlier than 5/1/05; one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$53.87 but not earlier than 5/1/06; and one-fourth shall vest if the Fair Market Value of the Company's stock achieves \$58.02 but not earlier than 5/1/07. All options not other wise vesting pursuant to the above timetable shall become exercisable on October 26, 2008.

## Remarks:

B. Norris Battin

10/28/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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