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February 13, 2003

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(AMENDMENT NO.   4  )\*

Genuine Parts Company

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(Name of Issuer)

Common

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(Title of Class of Securities)

372460105

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(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)  
 Rule 13d-1(c)  
 Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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- 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO OF ABOVE PERSON  
  
Dodge & Cox 94-1441976

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*  
(A)   
(B)   
N/A

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
California - U.S.A.

NUMBER OF	5.	SOLE VOTING POWER
SHARES		19,342,759
BENEFICIALLY	6.	SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED BY		400,900
EACH	7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING		21,051,621
PERSON	8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
WITH		0

9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
21,051,621

10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\*  
N/A

11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9  
12.1%

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*  
IA

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:  
Genuine Parts Company

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:  
2999 Circle 75 Parkway  
Atlanta, GA 30339

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:  
Dodge & Cox

Item 2(b) Address of the Principal Office or, if none, Residence:  
One Sansome St., 35th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94104

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- Item 2(c) Citizenship:  
California - U.S.A.
- Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:  
Common
- Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:  
372460105
- Item 3 If the Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b),  
or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a:
- (e)  Investment Advisor registered under section 203 of  
the Investment Advisors Act of 1940
- Item 4 Ownership:
- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned:  
21,051,621
- (b) Percent of Class:  
12.1%
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- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
- (i) sole power to vote or direct the vote:  
19,342,759
- (ii) shared power to vote or direct the vote:  
400,900
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: 21,051,621
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the  
disposition of: 0
- Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:  
Not applicable.
- Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another  
Person:  
Securities reported on this Schedule 13G are beneficially  
owned by clients of Dodge & Cox, which clients may include  
investment companies registered under the Investment Company  
Act and/or employee benefit plans, pension funds, endowment  
funds or other institutional clients.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which  
Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent  
Holding Company:  
Not applicable.
- Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:  
Not applicable.
- Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of a Group:  
Not applicable.

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Item 10 Certification:  
By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 13, 2003  
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DODGE & COX

By: /s/ THOMAS M. MISTELE  
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Name: Thomas M. Mistele  
Title: Vice President

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