

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## FORM 8-K

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### CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) July 21, 2004

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# WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

1-3932  
(Commission File Number)

38-1490038  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
(Address of principal executive officers)

49022-2692  
(Zip Code)

(269)-923-5000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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Item 7 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Attached is a press release dated July 21, 2004 being furnished as part of this report.

Item 12 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 21, 2004, the registrant announced its second-quarter 2004 net earnings of \$106 million, or \$1.53 per diluted share, compared to \$94 million, or \$1.35 per diluted share, in the same period last year. The registrant continues to anticipate full-year earnings for 2004 in the range of \$6.20 to \$6.35 per share.

Exhibit Index

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release dated July 21, 2004

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

Date: July 21, 2004

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary