

FORTUNE BRANDS INC

Form 4

February 16, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
OMTVEDT CRAIG P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

520 LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/13/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice President & CFO

6. 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 (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	02/13/2006		A ⁽¹⁾	26,123 D \$ 77.65	71,458	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	02/13/2006		F ⁽²⁾	9,018 D \$ 77.65	62,440	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	02/13/2006		D ⁽³⁾	17,105 D \$ 77.65	45,335	D	

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- (2) Reflects the withholding by the issuer of shares awarded to the undersigned having a fair market value equal to the withholding taxes payable by the undersigned at the time the award vested, such transaction being exempt under Rule 16b-3(e).

Under the terms of the issuer's Long-Term Incentive Plans, the undersigned elected to receive his award in cash and for reporting
- (3) purposes is deemed to have transferred back to the issuer shares of the issuer's common stock in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(e).
- (4) The number of shares reported as held by the Fortune Brands, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan Trust represents the undersigned's proportional beneficial interest in the common stock held in the Trust as of February 14, 2006.

Remarks:

Mr. Omtvedt earned a performance award equivalent to 26,123 shares of the issuer's common stock for the performance period.

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