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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 3, 2002

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8597 94-2657368 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.) of incorporation)

6140 Stoneridge Mall Road, Suite 590, Pleasanton, California 94588 (Address of principal executive offices)

(925) 460-3600 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 5. Other Events.

On October 3, 2002, The Cooper Companies, Inc. issued a press release announcing that its subsidiary, CooperVision, Inc., had reached a settlement of all pending patent infringement litigation with CIBA Vision and its subsidiary Wesley Jessen. A copy of this release is attached and incorporated by reference.

Internet addresses in the release are for information purposes only and are not intended to be hyperlinks to other Cooper Companies information.

- ITEM 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
 - (c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated October 3, 2002 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.

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.

THE COOPER COMPANIES, INC.

By /s/ Carol R. Kaufman

Carol R. Kaufman Vice President of Legal Affairs, Secretary and Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: October 8, 2002

EXHIBIT INDEX

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Exhibit No.	Description	Sequentially Numbered Page
99.1	Press Release dated October 3, 2002 of The Cooper Companies, Inc.	
	STATEMENT OF DIFFERENCES	
The registered	trademark symbol shall be expressed as	r'