

STRYKER CORP
Form 8-K
April 15, 2004

**UNITED STATES
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): April 15, 2004

Commission file number: 0-9165

STRYKER CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Michigan

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

38-1239739

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2725 Fairfield Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan

(Address of principal executive offices)

49002

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(269) 385-2600**

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| ITEM 12. | RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION |
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Stryker Corporation issued a press release on April 15, 2004 announcing its first quarter 2004 operating results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

STRYKER CORPORATION
(Registrant)

April 15, 2004
Date

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY
Dean H. Bergy
Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
(Principal Financial Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press release dated April 15, 2004