

NIX JERRY W  
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**FORM 4**

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NIX JERRY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

GENUINE PARTS  
COMPANY, 2999 CIRCLE 75  
PKWY

(Street)

ATLANTA, GA 30339

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GENUINE PARTS CO [GPC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/06/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 24,000  | A  | \$ 61.93  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 19,349  | D  | \$ 61.93  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 41,400  | A  | \$ 61.93  |
| Common Stock                    | 01/06/2012                           |  | F                              |   | 32,685  | D  | \$ 61.93  |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 43.93   | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 24,000  | 03/14/2006 03/14/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 24,000                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 43.93   | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 24,000  | 03/14/2006 03/14/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 24,000                     |
| Stock Appreciation Right                   | \$ 41.66   | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 41,400  | 04/01/2009 04/01/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 41,400                     |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 41.66   | 01/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 41,400  | 04/01/2009 04/01/2018                                    | Common Stock  | 41,400                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| NIX JERRY W<br>GENUINE PARTS COMPANY<br>2999 CIRCLE 75 PKWY<br>ATLANTA, GA 30339 | X             |           | Vice Chairman and CFO |       |

## Signatures

Carol B. Yancey Attorney  
in Fact 01/10/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) Includes 2,439 shares acquired through Genuine Partnership Plan (401-K)

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