

FORTUNE BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 21, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 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**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 19, 2005**

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**FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**1-9076**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-3295276**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

**300 Tower Parkway**  
**Lincolnshire, IL 60069**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (847) 484-4400**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On July 19, 2005, Fortune Brands, Inc. ( Fortune Brands ) and General Binding Corporation ( GBC ) issued a press release announcing, among other things, that the registration statement relating to the issuance of common stock of ACCO World Corporation (to be renamed ACCO Brands Corporation, ACCO ) to GBC stockholders under the merger agreement among GBC, Fortune Brands and ACCO was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 15, 2005.

A copy of the press release is included herein as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99 Joint press release of Fortune Brands and GBC dated July 19, 2005.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By:           /s/ MARK A. ROCHE          

Name: Mark A. Roche  
Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: July 20, 2005

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