



DIVISION OF
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile at 770-956-2207

Thomas C. Gallagher
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Genuine Parts Company
2999 Circle 75 Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30339

**Re: Genuine Parts Company
Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009
Filed February 26, 2010
File No. 001-05690
Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A
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Dear Mr. Gallagher:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A and have no further comments at this time.

Regards,

Max A. Webb
Assistant Director