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 19, 2004

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Delaware</u>		<u>1-4797</u>	<u>36-1258310</u>
(State or other	jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
	Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL principal executive offices)		<u>60026-1215</u> (Zip Code)
	(Registrant's telepho	ne number, including area code)	847-724-7500
	(Former name or	Not Applicable former address, if changed since	last report.)
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 19, 2004, Illinois Tool Works Inc. (the "Company") announced its 2004 third quarter results of operations in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1. The Company's presentation from the third quarter conference call held on October 19, 2004 is furnished as Exhibit 99.2

Disclosure regarding why the Company's management believes the presentation of "free operating cash flow" provides useful information to investors is included in the Company's 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K. A reconciliation of free operating cash flows to net cash provided by operating activities is included in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number 99.1	Exhibit Description Press Release issued by Illinois Tool Works Inc. dated October 19, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).
99.2	Presentation from Illinois Tool Works Inc. third quarter conference call on October 19, 2004 (furnished pursuant to Item 2.02).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

By: <u>/s/ Jon C. Kinney</u> Jon C. Kinney Dated: October 19, 2004

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)