

WHIRLPOOL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 2004

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 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  
And Regulation FD

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) October 6, 2004

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# WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

1-3932  
(Commission File Number)

38-1490038  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

2000 M63 North, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
(Address of principal executive officers)

49022-2692  
(Zip Code)

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(269)-923-5000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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Item 8.01 Other Events

During the week ending October 15, 2004, the Company commenced mailing a summary of the annual report for the Whirlpool 401(k) Plan for the 2003 plan year that ended December 31, 2003 to members of the Plan.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Copy of annual report to members of the Whirlpool Corporation 401(k) Plan.

Exhibit Index

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
|--------------------|---|
| 99                 | Summary Annual Report for the Whirlpool Corporation 401(k) Plan for the plan year that ended December 31, 2003. |

SIGNATURE

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 hereunto duly authorized.

**WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION**

Date: October 6, 2004

By:           /s/ Robert T. Kenagy          

Name: Robert T. Kenagy  
Title: Corporate Secretary