

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2003

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**October 21, 2003**

Date of Report

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Commission File Number 1-7685

**AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

95-1492269

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

150 North Orange Grove Boulevard

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**Pasadena, California 91103**

**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(626) 304-2000**

**(Registrant's Telephone Number)**

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

On October 21, 2003, Avery Dennison Corporation issued a news release announcing its earnings for the quarter ending September 27, 2003, as set forth in Exhibit 99.1.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

Avery Dennison Corporation's earnings release dated October 21, 2003, regarding its third quarter 2003 financial results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. This information is being furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K. Additionally, the Company will discuss its third quarter results during a webcast and conference call today at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). To access our webcast and conference call, please go to our website at <http://www.investors.averydennison.com>.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain statements contained in this report on Form 8-K and exhibit 99.1 are forward-looking statements intended to qualify for the safe harbor from liability established by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. Actual results and trends may differ materially from historical or expected results depending on a variety of factors, including but not limited to price and availability of raw materials; foreign exchange rates; worldwide and local economic conditions; selling prices; impact of legal proceedings, including the U.S. Department of Justice criminal investigation into competitive practices in the label stock industry and any related proceedings pertaining to the subject matter; impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on the economy, the Company's customers and business; successful integration of acquired companies, financial condition and inventory strategies of customers; acceptance of new products; fluctuations in demand affecting sales to customers; and other matters referred to in the Company's SEC filings.

For a more detailed discussion of these and other factors, see the Exhibit 99 Cautionary Statement For Purposes Of The Safe Harbor Provisions Of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act Of 1995 in the Company's Form 10-K, filed on March 28, 2003. The forward-looking statements included in this Form 8-K are made only as of the date of this Form 8-K and the Company undertakes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

SIGNATURES

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.

Dated: October 21, 2003

AVERY DENNISON CORPORATION

By:                                 /s/ Daniel R. O Bryant

Name: Daniel R. O Bryant  
Title: Senior Vice President,  
Finance and Chief Financial  
Officer

EXHIBIT LIST

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News release dated October 21, 2003.