BENDER A THOMAS
Form 4
March 05, 2003

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 4
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
( ) Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16.
Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b).
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
A. Thomas Bender
6140 Stoneridge Mall Road
Suite 590
CA, Pleasanton 94588
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
The Cooper Companies, Inc. (COO)

3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Day/Year
3/3/2003
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
(X) Director ( ) 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) ( ) Other (specify below)
Chief Executive Officer
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
(X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
( ) Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Transaction Date	2A. Execution Date	3. Transaction Code	V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) Amount	A/D	Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Trans(s)
Common Stock	3/3/2003		M		8000	A	13.00	
Common Stock	3/3/2003		S		1000	D	29.45	
Common Stock	3/3/2003		S		3000	D	29.35	
Common Stock	3/3/2003		M		2000	D	29.30	
Common Stock	3/3/2003		S		700	D	29.20	
Common Stock	3/3/2003		S		1300	D	29.21	55494 1
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Table II -- Derivative Securitites Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative Security	2.Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code	V	5.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired(A) or Disposed of(D) Amount	A/D	6.Date Exercisable and Expiration Date(Month/Day/Year) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	7.Title and Amount of Underlying Securities Title and Number of Shares	8.P of vat Sec rit
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) with tandem tax withholding rights	13.00 1	3/3/ 2003		M		8000 1	D		7/8/06	Common Stock	8000 1	13.

Explanation of Responses:
1. Adjusted to reflect the two-for-one stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend on November 22, 2002
SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON
A. Thomas Bender
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