

THOMAS DAVID M  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
THOMAS DAVID M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

FORTUNE BRANDS, INC., 520  
LAKE COOK ROAD

(Street)

DEERFIELD, IL 60015

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FORTUNE BRANDS INC [FO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	12/09/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,968 A \$ 29.11	17,168	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	12/09/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,624 A \$ 30.21	19,792	D	
Common Stock, Par Value \$3.125	12/09/2010		S	4,592 D \$ 63.07	15,200	D	

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.11	12/09/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	1,968	01/29/2002 01/29/2011	Common Stock	1,968
Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 30.21	12/09/2010		M <sup>(1)</sup>	2,624	04/24/2002 04/24/2011	Common Stock	2,624

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
THOMAS DAVID M FORTUNE BRANDS, INC. 520 LAKE COOK ROAD DEERFIELD, IL 60015		X		

## Signatures

Lauren S. Tashma, Attorney-in-Fact for David M. Thomas  
12/13/2010

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects the exercise of options issued under the issuer's Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan

**Remarks:**

On December 9, 2010, Mr. Thomas exercised options granted to him under the Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan and

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