

STRYKER CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 2004

**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  
Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 15, 2004

Commission file number: 0-9165

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**STRYKER CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Michigan**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**38-1239739**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**2725 Fairfield Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**49002**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(269) 385-2600**

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<b>ITEM 12.</b>	<b>RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION</b>
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Stryker Corporation issued a press release on July 15, 2004 announcing its second quarter and first half 2004 operating results. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

STRYKER CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

July 15, 2004

Date

/s/ DEAN H. BERGY  
Dean H. Bergy  
Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and Secretary  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1      Press release dated July 15, 2004