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Form SC 13G
February 13, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. _____) *

Briggs & Stratton Corporation

(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

109043109

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2001

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to
which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No. 109043109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON /

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I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Artisan Partners Limited Partnership

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions)

Not Applicable

(a) []

(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

1,268,995

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,268,995

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,268,995

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)

IA

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CUSIP No. 109043109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON /
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

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Artisan Investment Corporation

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (see Instructions) (a) [] Not Applicable (b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Wisconsin

5 SOLE VOTING POWER None NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH 6 SHARED VOTING POWER 1,268,995 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER None 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,268,995

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,268,995

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (see Instructions) Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 5.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (see Instructions) CO

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CUSIP No. 109043109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON / S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON Andrew A. Ziegler

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions) (a) []
Not Applicable (b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
U.S.A.

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
None
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH
6 SHARED VOTING POWER
1,268,995
7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
None
8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
1,268,995

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
1,268,995

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)
Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
5.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)
IN

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CUSIP No. 109043109

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON /
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Carlene Murphy Ziegler

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2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP
(see Instructions)

Not Applicable

(a) []

(b) []

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

U.S.A.

5 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH

None

6 SHARED VOTING POWER

1,268,995

7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,268,995

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,268,995

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES
(see Instructions)

Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.9%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
(see Instructions)

IN

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Briggs & Stratton Corporation

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

12301 West Wirth Street
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

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Artisan Partners Limited Partnership ("Artisan Partners")
Artisan Investment Corporation, the general partner of
Artisan Partners ("Artisan Corp.")
Andrew A. Ziegler
Carlene Murphy Ziegler

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., Mr. Ziegler and
Ms. Ziegler are all located at:

1000 North Water Street, #1770
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

Artisan Partners is a Delaware limited partnership
Artisan Corp. is a Wisconsin corporation
Mr. Ziegler and Ms. Ziegler are U.S. citizens

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

109043109

Item 3 Type of Person:

(e) Artisan Partners is an investment adviser
registered under section 203 of the Investment
Advisers Act of 1940; Artisan Corp. is the
General Partner of Artisan Partners; Mr. Ziegler
and Ms. Ziegler are the principal stockholders
of Artisan Corp.

Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 2001):

(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the
meaning of rule 13d-3:

1,268,995

(b) Percent of class:

5.9% (based on 21,604,183 shares
outstanding as of November 8, 2001)

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

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- (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: None
- (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
1,268,995
- (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None
- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of: 1,268,995

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of Artisan Partners. Persons other than Artisan Partners are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares. None of those persons, to the knowledge of Artisan Partners, Artisan Corp., Mr. Ziegler or Ms. Ziegler, has an economic interest in more than 5% of the class.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 13, 2002

ARTISAN INVESTMENT CORPORATION
for itself and as general partner of
ARTISAN PARTNERS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: /s/ Andrew A. Ziegler

Andrew A. Ziegler
President

ANDREW A. ZIEGLER

/s/ Andrew A. Ziegler

CARLENE MURPHY ZIEGLER

/s/ Carlene Murphy Ziegler

Exhibit Index

Exhibit 1 Joint Filing Agreement dated as of February 13,
2002 by and among Artisan Partners Limited
Partnership, Artisan Investment Corporation,
Andrew A. Ziegler, and Carlene Murphy Ziegler