

CARLISLE COMPANIES INC  
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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) **October 14, 2003**

**CARLISLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-9278**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**31-1168055**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**13925 Ballantyne Corporate Place, Suite 400, Charlotte, NC 28277**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**704-501-1100**

(Registrant's telephone number)

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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

**Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

See the attached press release reporting third quarter earnings of Carlisle Companies Incorporated (the "Company") hereby furnished.

The press release reports the Company's free cash flow for the first nine months of 2002 and 2003. Management believes that this non-GAAP financial measure is useful to investors because free cash flow is used by the investing and lending community as a key measure of a company's ability to meet its debt payment obligations and to finance future growth of its business through acquisitions and capital investment.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 15, 2003

CARLISLE COMPANIES INCORPORATED

By: /s/ KIRK F. VINCENT

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Kirk F. Vincent  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release reporting third quarter earnings of Carlisle Companies Incorporated.

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