

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

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

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

**May 22, 2004**

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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

**Johnson Outdoors Inc.**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Wisconsin**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**0-16255**

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(Commission File Number)

**39-1536083**

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

**555 Main Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403**

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(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(262) 631-6600**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On May 22, 2004 Samuel C. Johnson, a Director of Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company"), passed away following an illness. Prior to his most recent post, Mr. Johnson had served the Company as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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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.

Date: May 26, 2004

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

/s/ Paul A. Lehmann  
Paul A. Lehmann  
Chief Financial Officer