

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

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Date of Report  
(Date of earliest event reported): December 8, 2004

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**Johnson Outdoors Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Wisconsin**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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**0-16255**

(Commission File Number)

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**39-1536083**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

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**(262) 631-6600**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02.      Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.

On December 10, 2004, Johnson Outdoors Inc. (the "Company") announced that Jervis B. Perkins had been appointed as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company. Perkins, 49, joined the Company as Chief Operating Officer in January 2003. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Perkins was employed by Brunswick Corporation for seven years, most recently as Group General Manager of the Bowling Products business beginning in February 2000. He was Executive Vice President, Sales and Marketing at Brunswick's Mercury Marine Division from January 1998 to February 2000.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

**JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.**

Date: December 14, 2004

By: /s/ Paul A. Lehmann

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Its: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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