

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of **October 2004**

Commission File Number 001-31269

**ALCON, INC.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Bösch 69  
P.O. Box 62  
6331 Hünenberg, Switzerland  
41-41-785-8888  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

Form 20-F ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82- \_\_\_\_\_

**Incorporation by Reference**

This Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 24, 2002, the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 25, 2002 and amended on December 12, 2003 and the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 12, 2003.

Attached as Exhibit 99.1 is the Press Release issued by Alcon, Inc. on October 21, 2004.

## **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.

**Alcon, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

Date    October 21, 2004

By    /s/ Martin Schneider  
Name: Martin Schneider  
Title: Attorney in Fact

Date    October 21, 2004

By    /s/ Guido Koller  
Name: Guido Koller  
Title: Senior Vice President