

Mail Stop 3651

June 14, 2006

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile

Thomas C. Gallagher
Chief Executive Officer
Genuine Parts Company
2999 Circle 75 Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

RE: Genuine Parts Company
 Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005
 File No. 001-05690

Dear Mr. Gallagher:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Linda Cvrkel
Branch Chief

Via facsimile: Jerry W. Nix, Chief Financial Officer
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