

Mail Stop 3561

May 21, 2009

Via Fax & U.S. Mail

Mr. Jerry W. Nix
Chief Financial Officer
2999 Circle 75 Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30339

**Re: Genuine Parts Company
Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008
Filed February 27, 2009
File No. 001-05690**

Dear Mr. Nix:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Linda Cvrkel
Branch Chief

VIA FACSIMILE
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