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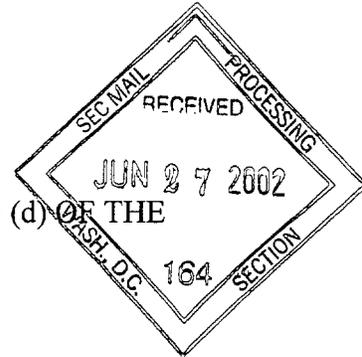
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- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, or

- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15 (d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____



Commission File Number1-5426

- A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Thomas Industries Inc.
Retirement Savings and Investment Plan
4360 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207

- B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Thomas Industries Inc.
4360 Brownsboro Road
Louisville, KY 40207

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Financial Statements and Exhibits

(A) Financial Statements:

Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan
Report of Independent Auditors
Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance
with the Financial Reporting Requirements of ERISA
Notes to Financial Statements
Schedules to Financial Statements

(B) Exhibits:

Consent of Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler
Consent of Ernst & Young LLP

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Thomas Industries Administrative Committee has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND
INVESTMENT PLAN

By: 
Ronald D. Wiseman, Treasurer

Dated: June 26, 2002

Financial Statements

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

December 31, 2001 and 2000

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

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Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Plan Administrator
Thomas Industries Inc.
Retirement Savings and Investment Plan
Louisville, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan as of December 31, 2001 and the related statement of changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2001, and the changes in net assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2001, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplementary schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplementary schedule has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in our audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Carpenter Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC

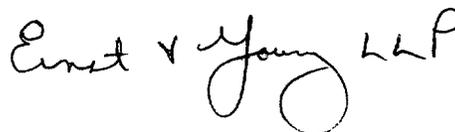
Louisville, Kentucky
May 21, 2002

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for plan benefits of the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan as of December 31, 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for plan benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.



Louisville, Kentucky
May 25, 2001

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

	December 31	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Investments, at Fair Value	\$ 9,758,079	\$ 9,162,386
Contribution receivables:		
Employer	73,030	72,993
Participants'	<u>67,883</u>	<u>72,787</u>
	<u>140,913</u>	<u>145,780</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 9,898,992</u>	<u>\$ 9,308,166</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report
and notes to financial statements

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR PLAN BENEFITS

Year ended December 31, 2001

Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:

Interest and dividends \$ 256,829

Contributions:

Employer 328,287

Participants' 1,063,853

Rollover 374,530

1,766,670

Total additions 2,023,499

Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments 518,956

Benefits paid to participants 913,717

Total deductions 1,432,673

Net increase 590,826

Net Assets Available for Plan Benefits:

Beginning of year 9,308,166

End of year \$ 9,898,992

See accompanying independent auditor's report
and notes to financial statements

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE A--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan (the Plan) are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investments: Investments held by the Plan are stated at fair value. Securities are valued at the last reported sales price on the last business day of the plan year. The mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B--DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Plan provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Summary Plan Description for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a contributory plan which covers substantially all salaried and clerical employees of Thomas Industries Inc. (the Company or Thomas) whose compensation is not determined by collective bargaining. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions: The Plan is funded through employee and employer contributions.

Participants may elect to contribute from 1% to 15% of their compensation up to a maximum as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code, for any calendar year. The rate of withholding can be changed upon fifteen days notice to the Company. Contributions made by participants are intended to qualify as cash or deferred arrangements under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Company makes matching contributions equal to 50% of each participant's contributions (applicable to employee contributions up to 6% of the participant's compensation after the completion of one year of service by the employee). The Company also may contribute to the Plan an amount to be determined annually at the discretion of the Company.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and an allocation of Company contributions, forfeited Company contributions of nonvested terminated participants, and Plan earnings. Allocations of the Company's contributions are based on the participant's contributions, while allocations of earnings are based on account balances. Forfeited Company contributions of terminated nonvested participants are used to reduce future Company contributions. Forfeitures for 2001 were \$19,171. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's account.

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**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--CONTINUED

December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE B--DESCRIPTION OF PLAN--CONTINUED

Vesting: All participants are fully vested in employee contributions and related earnings. Employer matched contributions plus actual earnings thereon become fully vested after seven years of service (10% after two years, 20% after three years, and an additional 20% for each additional year).

Investment Options: The Plan's investments are held by Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company (the Trustee). Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct contributions in 5% increments into seven Vanguard mutual funds and the Thomas Industries Common Stock Fund, which holds shares of the Company's common stock. Participants may change their investment options at any time without charge.

The employer contributions are invested in the Plan's investment options in proportion to that of the employee contributions. Prior to March 31, 2000, those employer contributions to the Plan made prior to April 1, 1998 were required to be invested in the Thomas Industries Common Stock Fund. Effective March 31, 2000, all assets held in employer contributions accounts could be invested in any of the Plan's investment options at the direction of the participant.

Withdrawals: Hardship withdrawals are permitted upon meeting certain requirements. Participant accounts will be paid out in a lump sum upon death, total and permanent disability, or termination of employment. Retirees may elect to receive distribution in a lump sum at retirement or after retirement but not later than age 70 ½.

Administrative Expenses: Administrative expenses are paid by the employer.

Plan Termination: Although it has not expressed any intention to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions set forth in ERISA. In the event of the termination of the Plan, the net assets of the Plan will be distributed to participants in the amount of the participants' account balances valued as of the termination date.

NOTE C--INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments are held by the Trustee. During 2001, the Plan's investments (including investments bought, sold and held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

Thomas Industries Common Stock	\$ 100,232
Mutual funds	<u>(619,188)</u>
	<u>\$ (518,956)</u>

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**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--CONTINUED

December 31, 2001 and 2000

NOTE C--INVESTMENTS--CONTINUED

The fair value of individual investments which represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits at December 31, 2001 and 2000 are as follows:

	December 31	
	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Thomas Industries Common Stock	\$ 1,528,224	\$ 1,491,163
Mutual funds:		
Vanguard Index 500 Fund	3,459,444	3,539,178
Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund	1,695,261	1,542,032
Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund	817,870	614,058
Vanguard Wellington Fund	1,720,116	1,470,300

NOTE D--RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Plan purchased, sold and received dividends from Thomas Industries Common Stock as follows:

Cost of purchases	\$ 121,460
Proceeds of sales	206,318
Dividends	21,687

NOTE E--INCOME TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service ruled on January 22, 1997, that the Plan, as then designed, qualifies under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the IRC to maintain its qualification. Subsequent to the issuance of the determination letter, the Plan was amended and restated. The plan administrator has filed an application with the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter that the Plan continues to be qualified. The plan administrator believes the Plan, as amended and restated is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE

**THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC.
RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT PLAN**

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

December 31, 2001

**EIN: 61-0505332
Plan: 030**

Note: The assets held for investment listing on the following page is an excerpt from the 2001 Trustee Statement provided by the Plan Trustee.

THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS & INVESTMENT PLAN

Schedule I

Schedule of Assets Held for Investment Purposes

As of December 31, 2001

Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings & Investment Plan, EIN 61-0505332

Attachment to Form 5500, Schedule H, Line 4(i):

Identity of Issue	Investment Type	Cost	Current Value
* Vanguard 500 Index Inv	Registered Investment Company	\$ 3,200,975.40	\$ 3,459,444.30
* Vanguard Balanced Ix Inv	Registered Investment Company	146,279.10	135,535.25
* Vanguard Int'l Growth Fund	Registered Investment Company	328,920.06	259,318.44
* Vanguard Sm-Cap Index Inv	Registered Investment Company	1,785,367.45	1,695,260.75
* Vanguard Total Bond Mkt Index	Registered Investment Company	140,594.78	142,310.20
* Vanguard Treas Money Mkt	Registered Investment Company	817,870.21	817,870.21
* Vanguard Wellington Inv	Registered Investment Company	1,769,421.76	1,720,115.92
* Thomas Industries Stk	Company Stock Fund	1,039,554.98	1,528,224.05
Total assets held for investment purposes		\$ 9,228,983.74	\$ 9,758,079.12

* Party in Interest

Carpenter, Mountjoy & Bressler

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 33-51653 and No. 333-92757) pertaining to the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan of our report dated May 21, 2002, with respect to the financial statements and supplementary schedule of the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Carpenter Mountjoy & Bressler, PSC

June 25, 2002

Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Form S-8 No. 33-51653 and No. 333-92757) pertaining to the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan of our report dated May 25, 2001, with respect to the statement of net assets available for plan benefits as of December 31, 2000 of the Thomas Industries Inc. Retirement Savings and Investment Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Ernst & Young LLP

Louisville, Kentucky
June 25, 2002