

HEXCEL CORP /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 04, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**October 1, 2004** (September 30, 2004)

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

**Hexcel Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-8472**  
(Commission File No.)

**94-1109521**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Two Stamford Plaza  
281 Tresser Boulevard  
Stamford, Connecticut 06901-3238**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

**(203) 969-0666**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 30, 2004, the Company entered into a stipulation of settlement with the plaintiffs in the *Thomas & Thomas Rodmakers, Inc.* federal class action for \$7.0 million. The lawsuit alleges antitrust violations among suppliers of carbon fiber and carbon fiber prepreg in the United States. The settlement is subject to court approval. The Company has denied and continues to deny these allegations, but believes that the costs of continuing defense outweigh the costs of settlement. The settlement will result in a pretax charge of \$1.5 million in the third quarter 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 hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 1, 2004

HEXCEL CORPORATION

/s/ Stephen C. Forsyth  
Stephen C. Forsyth  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer