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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)*

Delta Air Lines

-----(Name of Issuer)

Common

(Title of Class of Securities)

247361108

(CUSIP Number)

July 28, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)

[] Rule 13d-1(c)

[] Rule 13d-1(d)

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP	NO.	Z4/3011U0)

- Names of Reporting Persons.
 - I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).
 - (a) U.S. Trust Corporation*
 - (b) United States Trust Company of New York 13-5459866
 - (c) U.S. Trust Company, N.A. 95-4311476
 - *U.S. Trust Corporation ("UST"), a Bank Holding Company, is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of The Charles Schwab Corporation ("Schwab"), which is a publicly-traded company. Charles Schwab Investment Management, Inc. ("CSIM"), which is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of Schwab, files separate Forms 13G. Neither UST nor CSIM shares any power with respect to the voting or disposition of securities reflected on the other's Forms 13G. United States Trust Company of New York, which is a New York State-Chartered Bank, is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of UST. U.S. Trust Company, N.A., which is a National Bank with headquarters in Connecticut, is a wholly-owned direct subsidiary of UST.
- ______
- 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) []
 - (b) []
 - -----
 - SEC Use Only
- - Citizenship or Place of Organization
 - (a) U.S. Trust Corporation (Incorporated in New York)
 - (b) United States Trust Company of New York (Incorporated in New York)
 - (c) U.S. Trust Company, N.A. (National Bank with headquarters in Connecticut)
- - 5. Sole Voting Power

Number -0-

Beneficially 6. Shared Voting Power

- Owned by
- _____ Reporting 7. Sole Dispositive Power

Person With

20,841,239

8. Shared Dispositive Power

8,167,846

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

29,009,085

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

[]

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

23.1%

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

U.S. Trust Corporation (HC)
United States Trust Company of New York (BK)
U.S. Trust Company, N.A. (BK)

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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer Delta Air Lines
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices P.O. Box 20706 Atlanta, GA 30320

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing
 - (a) U.S. Trust Corporation*

13-2927955

- (b) United States Trust Company of New York 13-5459866
- (c) U.S. Trust Company, N.A.

95-4311476

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- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence

114 West 47th Street New York, NY 10036-1532

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	(C)	Citizenship									
		(a) (b))	U.S. Trus United St New York) U.S. Trus	ates T	rust Co	mpany o	f New Y	ork (In	ncorpora	
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Item 4.	Own	ership									
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	(a)	Amount	t ben	eficially	owned:	29,009					
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(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of \$,167,846

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

- Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.
- Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person
- Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group
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Included in the shares reported above are 19,354,519 shares of common stock held in the Delta Family-Care Savings Plan for which U.S. Trust acts as investment manager with sole or share dispositive power but no voting power and 5,627,844 shares of convertible preferred stock held by such Plan, which are currently convertible into 9,654,566 shares of common stock for which U.S. Trust has sole dispositive power but no voting power.

- Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group
- Item 10. Certification
- (a) The following certification shall be included if the statement is filed pursuant to Section 240.13d-1 (b):

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of

the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

August 27, 2004

Date

/s/ Joseph A. Tricarico -----Signature

Authorized Agent/Vice President and Trust Counsel
-----Name/Title

The original statement shall be signed by each person on whose behalf the statement is filed or his authorized representative. If the statement is signed on behalf of a person by his authorized representative other than an executive officer or general partner of the filing person, evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of such person shall be filed with the statement; provided, however, that a power of attorney for this purpose which is already on file with the Commission may be incorporated by reference. The name and any title of each person who signs the statement shall be typed or printed beneath his signature.

NOTE: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See Section 240.13d-7 for other parties for whom copies are to be sent.

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