

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO

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

FORM 11-K

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

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2002

Commission File No. 1-4329

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company  
(Gaylord, Michigan Plant) UAW Local 388  
Collectively Bargained Savings and Retirement Plan

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	34-4297750
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. employer identification no.)

Lima and Western Avenues, Findlay, Ohio 45840  
(Address of principal executive offices)  
(Zip code)

(419) 423-1321  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PLAN

The Financial Statements of the Cooper-Standard Automotive (Gaylord, Michigan Plant) UAW Local 388 Collectively Bargained Savings and Retirement Plan for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, together with the report of Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, are attached to this Annual Report on Form 11-K. The Financial Statements and the notes thereto are presented in lieu of the financial statements required by items 1, 2 and 3 of Form 11-K and were prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

EXHIBITS:

(23) Consent of Independent Auditors  
(99)  
Certification  
Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. §  
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrator has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

/s/ Charles F. Nagy

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CHARLES F. NAGY  
Assistant Treasurer  
Plan Administrator

Date: June 26, 2003

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Cooper-Standard Automotive  
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We have audited the accompanying statements of assets available for benefits of Cooper-Standard Automotive (Gaylord, Michigan Plant) UAW Local 388 Collectively Bargained Savings and Retirement Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002 and the related statement of changes in assets available for benefits for the six months ended December 31, 2002. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, and the changes in its assets available for benefits for the six months ended December 31, 2002, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2002, 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. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits 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.

May 19, 2003

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Statements of Assets Available for Benefits

	<b>December 31 2002</b>	<b>June 30 2002</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments (at fair value):		
Interest in investment trust		
\$1,708,208	\$1,639,331	
Mutual funds		
946,487	1,167,549	
Participant loans		
97,603	122,204	
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Total investments		
2,752,298	2,929,084	
Cash		
17,140	11,596	
Receivables:		
Employer's contribution		
4,025		
Participants' contribution		
1,155		
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Total receivables		
5,180		
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Assets available for benefits		
\$2,769,438	\$2,945,860	
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*See accompanying notes.*

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Statement of Changes in Assets Available for Benefits

Six Months Ended December 31, 2002

Additions:

Employer contributions  
\$30,454  
Participant contributions  
103,781  
Interest and dividends  
49,776

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Total additions  
184,011

Deductions:

Net depreciation in fair  
value of investments  
320,192  
Benefit payments  
40,241

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Total deductions  
360,433

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Net decrease  
(176,422)  
Assets available for benefits  
at beginning of year  
2,945,860

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Assets available for benefits  
at end of year  
\$2,769,438

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*See accompanying notes.*

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2002

**1. Description of Plan**

The following description of Cooper-Standard Automotive (Gaylord, Michigan Plant) UAW Local 388 Company Collectively Bargained Savings and Retirement Plan (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

**General**

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all employees who have completed the 90 day probationary period and are covered by the collective bargaining agreement between UAW Local 388 and Cooper-Standard Automotive (the Company). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**Contributions**

Each year, participants may contribute up to 15 percent of their pretax compensation. The Company contributes 50 percent of the first 5 percent of base compensation that the participant contributes to the Plan. All employer matching contributions were invested in the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company Stock Fund.

Upon enrollment, a participant may direct their contributions to any of the Plan's investment fund options.

**Participant Accounts**

Individual accounts are maintained for each participant in the Plan. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, their allocation of the Company's contributions and Plan earnings.

**Vesting**

The participants are immediately vested in their contributions and the Company's contributions plus actual earnings thereon.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

**1. Description of Plan (continued)**

**Participant Loans**

Participants may borrow the lesser of 100 percent of their participant elected contributions account or 50 percent of the vested value of their entire account. In no event should the maximum loan exceed \$50,000. The interest rate is established based on the prime rate. Interest rates as of December 31, 2002 range from 4.25% to 9.5%. The loan repayment schedule can be no longer than 54 months. Principal and interest is paid ratably through payroll deductions.

**Payment of Benefits**

In the event of retirement, death, termination, permanent disability or other separation from service, participants shall be entitled to receive an amount equal to the value of the vested interest in their account. Payment of benefits may be taken in a lump sum cash distribution or in various annuity options.

**Termination of the Plan**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right, under the Plan, to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Investment Valuation and Recognition**

Except for the investments contracts held in the Investment Trust, the Plan's investments are stated at fair value, which equals the quoted market price on the last business day of the Plan year. The shares of mutual funds are valued at quoted market prices, which represent the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. The participant loans are valued at their outstanding balances, which approximate fair value.

Investment contracts are recorded at their contract values, which represent contributions and reinvested income, less any withdrawal plus accrued interest, because these investments have fully-benefit responsive features. There are no reserves against contract values for credit risk of

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**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Investments Valuation and Recognition (continued)**

contract issues or otherwise. The average yield was approximately 5.1% in 2002. The crediting interest rate of these investment contracts is reset monthly by the issuer but cannot be less than zero and ranged from 2.1% to 6.4% at December 31, 2002.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recognized when earned. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

**Administrative Expenses**

All costs and expenses incurred in administering the Plan are charges to the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Company.

**Use of Estimates**

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

**3. Investments**

During the six months ended December 31, 2002, the Plan's investments (including investments purchased, sold as well as held during the year) depreciated in fair value as determined by quoted market prices as follows:

Interest in investment trust	<b>\$(184,484)</b>
Mutual funds	
<b>(135,708)</b>	
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<b>\$ (320,192)</b>	
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Investments that exceed 5% of the Plan assets available for benefits are as follows:

	<b>December 31 2002</b>	<b>June 30 2002</b>
Washington Mutual Investors Fund	<b>\$ 603,249</b>	\$ 783,912
Aim Balanced Fund		
<b>200,258</b>	<b>227,282</b>	



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**4. Investment Trust**

Certain investments of the Plan are held in an Investment Trust, which also combines similar investments of the other defined contribution plans sponsored by Cooper Tire & Rubber Company. The Plan's interest in the Investment Trust was determined by the Plan's relative asset value to the Investment Trust's total asset value at the end of the year. Investment income is allocated to the Plan based on its pro-rata share in the net assets of the Investment Trust.

At December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, the Plan's interest in the net assets of the Investment Trust was approximately 0.69% and 0.58%, respectively.

The following presents the fair value of investments in the Investment Trust:

	<b>December 31 2002</b>	<b>June 30 2002</b>
Cooper Tire & Rubber Company common stock*	<b>\$ 124,386,354</b>	\$ 157,505,783
Investment contracts*		
<b>119,167,527</b> 106,201,748		
Money market mutual fund		
<b>4,013,166</b> 20,036,047		
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Total assets		
<b>\$247,569,047</b> \$283,743,578		
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\*Nonparticipant-directed

The fair value of the investment contracts was \$122,235,019 and \$126,074,672 at December 31, 2002 and June 30, 2002, respectively.

Investment income for the Investment Trust for the period July 1 to December 31, 2002 is as follows:

Interest and dividends	<b>\$ 4,843,963</b>
Net depreciation of fair value of investments:	
Common stock	
<b>(39,102,871)</b>	



Money market mutual  
fund

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**5. Nonparticipant-Directed Investments**

The Cooper Tire & Rubber Company Investment Trust is a nonparticipant-directed investment. Information about the significant components of changes in net assets related to the nonparticipant-directed investment is as follows for the six months ended December 31, 2002:

Contributions	<b>\$15,957,279</b>
Interest and dividends	
<b>4,843,777</b>	
Net depreciation in fair value of investment	
<b>(39,102,871)</b>	
Participant withdrawals	
<b>(657,387)</b>	
Transfers out to other investment options	
<b>(1,192,448)</b>	

**6. Federal Income Taxes**

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated February 7, 1997, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Subsequent to this issuance of the determination letter, the plan was amended. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

**7. Related-Party Transactions**

Certain Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by the Trustee, and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. There have been no known prohibited transactions with a party-in-interest.

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Employer ID # 34-0549970  
 Plan # 014

Schedule H, Line 4(i) Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

December 31, 2002

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Identity of Issue	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
American Funds Aim Funds Group Aim Balanced Fund 200,258 *	Washington Mutual Investors Fund	\$603,249
National City Bank Armada Equity Index Fund #42 105,957 Invesco Funds Invesco Dynamics Fund 13,772 Janus Funds Janus Worldwide Fund 16,013 American Funds Investment Company of America 5,328 MFS Family of Funds Massachusetts Investors Growth Stock Funds 1,910 *Plan participants Participant Loans, interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.5% 97,603		
\$1,044,090		

*\*Party-in-interest.*