

VIRCO MFG CORPORATION

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

Form 11-K

(Mark One)

- x ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [FEE REQUIRED]**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2003

OR

- o TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [NO FEE REQUIRED]**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-8777

Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Virco Mfg. Corporation

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ITEM 1. Not applicable.

ITEM 2. Not applicable.

ITEM 3. Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Financial statements and exhibits

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INTRODUCTION

Virco Mfg. Corporation, a Delaware corporation, has established the 401(k) Plan (the Plan). The Plan includes a cash or deferred arrangement plan intended to qualify under Sections 401(a) and 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

REQUIRED INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Not applicable.

ITEM 2. Not applicable.

ITEM 3. Not applicable.

ITEM 4. Financial statements and exhibits

(a) Financial statements:

Financial statements and supplemental schedules prepared in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of ERISA filed hereunder are listed in the Index to Financial Statements in lieu of the requirements of Items 1 to 3 above.

(b) Exhibits:

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, Virco Mfg. Corporation as Plan Administrator has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 11-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Date: June 28, 2004

By: /s/ Robert E. Dose
Robert Dose
Vice President Finance

/s/ Bassey Yau
Bassey Yau
Corporate Controller

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Virco Mfg. Corporation
as Plan Administrator of the
Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years 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 audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). 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 audits provide 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 benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

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, 2003, is presented for purposes 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 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.

/s/Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California
June 4, 2004

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2003	2002
Assets		
Investments (at fair value):		
Interest-bearing cash	\$ 109,848	\$ 48,784
Mutual funds	8,319,681	7,379,217
Common stocks	3,122,949	5,714,744
Participant loans	512,970	630,053
	12,065,448	13,772,798
Participants' contributions receivable	21,118	17,557
Net assets available for benefits	\$12,086,566	\$13,790,355

See accompanying notes.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year ended December 31	
	2003	2002
Additions to net assets attributed to:		
Participant contributions	\$ 1,995,056	\$ 2,371,138
Earnings on investments:		
Interest and dividends	<u>166,304</u>	<u>160,893</u>
Total additions	2,161,360	2,532,031
Deductions from net assets attributable to:		
Benefits paid to participants	3,308,836	728,339
Net depreciation in fair value	<u>556,313</u>	<u>578,323</u>
Total deductions	<u>3,865,149</u>	<u>1,306,662</u>
Net (decrease) increase in net assets available for benefits	(1,703,789)	1,225,369
Net assets available for plan benefits:		
Beginning of year	<u>13,790,355</u>	<u>12,564,986</u>
End of year	<u>\$12,086,566</u>	<u>\$13,790,355</u>

See accompanying notes.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2003

1. Plan Description

Virco Mfg. Corporation (the Company) established the Virco Mfg. Corporation Employee Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) effective as of April 1, 1993, as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). In January 2002, the Company amended and renamed the Plan the Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan. Under the amended Plan, the leverage feature that allowed the Plan to obtain advances from the bank to purchase Company common stock was discontinued. While the Plan continues to offer the Company common stock as one of the investment options, the amended Plan no longer operates as a leveraged employee stock ownership plan.

The Plan was designed to comply with IRS Code 401(a) as a profit sharing plan, and is subject to the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA). The Plan is designed to enable employees to save for retirement and defer payment of income taxes on the amount saved. A Plan Committee comprising at least two persons appointed by the Company's Board of Directors administers the Plan.

Contributions are held and managed by Security Trust, as trustee, which invests cash received, interest and dividend income, and makes distributions to participants.

Employees of the Company are eligible to participate if they have attained at least 18 years of age and have completed six months of eligible service providing they worked at least 500 hours during such plan year. Eligible employees may defer from 1% to 15% of basic compensation on a before-tax basis, limited to \$12,000 and \$11,000 in 2003 and 2002, respectively; however, the maximum monthly contribution percentage decreases for highly compensated employees. Contributions are held by Security Trust in a Cash and Cash Equivalents Account (a market rate account which earns interest) until receipt of instructions from the Plan Administrator on how to allocate the contributions among the investment funds.

Distributions from the Plan are made when a participant retires, dies (in which case, payment shall be made to his or her beneficiary or, if none, his or her legal representatives), or otherwise terminates employment with the Company. However, participants may make withdrawals while still employed anytime after reaching the age of 59-1/2, or if the participant becomes disabled as defined in the Plan. Withdrawals can

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Plan Description (continued)

also be made while still employed due to a hardship need. These withdrawals may be made once during any 12-month period and must comply with the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(k) and the applicable regulations. Participants in the Virco Mfg. Corporation Common Stock Fund may request Company Common Stock, valued at current market value, in lieu of cash.

All shares of Company Common Stock allocated to participant accounts are voted by Security Trust in accordance with the participant's instructions. Allocated shares not voted by participants are voted pro rata by Security Trust based on votes actually cast by participants.

The participant is immediately 100% vested in the value of his contributions and is automatically 100% vested in the value of any matching contributions on the participant's 65th birthday, death, or if he becomes permanently disabled while still employed by the Company. However, if employment terminates before the age of 65 for a reason other than death or disability, the participant's vesting in the value of any matching or other Company contributions will be based upon the participant's years of vesting service and in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Service	Vested Interest
Less than 2	0%
2, but less than 3	20%
3, but less than 4	40%
4, but less than 5	60%
5, but less than 6	80%
6 or more	100%

The amount to which the participant is not vested is subject to forfeiture in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

The Company reserves the right to change or discontinue the Plan at any time. If the Plan is fully or partially terminated within the meaning of applicable federal law, each affected participant will be 100% vested in the value of his account as of the date of the Plan termination.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Plan Description (continued)

Subject to the amendment or termination of the Plan, as of the last day of a Plan year, the Company may, in its sole discretion, make a matching contribution to each participant's account in the Plan. Any matching contributions are based on the participant's pre-tax savings for the Plan year. The Company may also make an employer contribution to the Plan at its sole discretion. Any contribution may be made in cash or in shares of Company Common Stock. The total amount of Company contributions cannot exceed the amount deductible by the Company for federal income tax purposes. The Company elected not to make any contributions during the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002.

Participants who maintain account balances of \$2,000 or more are eligible to borrow up to 50% of their vested account balance. The amount borrowed cannot exceed \$50,000 and the terms of the loans are generally for a period of five years. Participant loans bear a fixed rate of interest established as the prime rate on the last day of the month previous to loan application plus 1%, and the loans are collateralized by the participants' vested interest.

Additional information about the Plan is contained in the Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan Summary Plan Description. Copies of this document are available from the Company.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared under the accrual method using U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, except for benefits paid to participants, which are recorded as deductions from net assets when paid.

Valuation of Assets

Investments are stated at fair value. The fair value of assets is determined on the basis of the quoted market and redemption values on the last business day of the Plan year. The cost of investments sold is determined on the specific-identification method.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Contributions

Contributions are recorded when the Company makes payroll deductions from, or reduces the compensation of, Plan participants.

Earnings Allocation

Net investment income (loss) of each Fund is allocated daily to the individual participants' accounts based on the ratio of each participant's balance to the total account balances.

Benefit Payments

Benefits due to terminated participants and participant withdrawals are recorded on the date distributions are made.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles 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.

Reclassifications

Certain balances in the December 31, 2002 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2003 presentation.

3. Investments

Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct employee contributions among any or all of the investment options available.

Participants may change investment choices any business day by transferring a percentage from one investment fund to another effective as of the end of any business day. The investments in shares of the Fund are valued at the closing net asset value per share as determined by the appropriate Fund portfolio at year-end.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

3. Investments (continued)

The fair values of individual investments that represent 5% or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31 are as follows:

	2003	2002
Investment at fair value:		
Alliance Growth & Income Fund	\$ 670,639	\$ *
American Funds Growth Fund	808,329	*
Bond Fund of America	1,233,726	1,416,016
Cash Management Trust of America Fund	833,600	862,187
Oppenheimer Quest Balanced Value Fund	891,084	*
Paine Webber Brinson Tactical Allocation Fund	2,712,102	2,754,986
Virco Mfg. Corporation Common Stock	3,122,949	5,714,744

* Amount represents less than 5% of net assets at year-end

Investments held by the Plan (including investments bought, sold, as well as held during the period) appreciated (depreciated) as follows:

	Year ended December 31	
	2003	2002
Mutual Funds	\$ 1,595,568	\$(1,282,087)
Common Stock	(2,151,881)	703,764
Net depreciation for the year	\$ (556,313)	\$ (578,323)

The Plan's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance of investments is limited to the carrying value of such investments. The Plan's concentration of credit risk and market risk are dictated by the Plan's provisions as well as those of ERISA. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of these investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and statements of changes in net assets available for benefits.

There were no unallocated balances as of December 31, 2003 or 2002.

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Virco Mfg. Corporation 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Transactions With Parties-in-Interest

The Plan purchases Company Common Stock to fulfill participant contributions to the Virco Mfg. Corporation Common Stock Fund through open market purchases and, from time to time, through parties-in-interest transactions, respectively. The per share purchase price is determined to be the closing market price on the day of transaction.

5. Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 11, 2002, stating that the Plan is qualified, in form, under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. 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 is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

6. Administrative Expenses

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No officers or employees receive compensation from the Plan. Substantially all expenses associated with establishment, operation and administration of the Plan are borne by the Company.

7. Subsequent Event

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, the Company changed trustees from Security Trust to Wilmington Trust. The fund transfer from Security Trust to Wilmington Trust was completed on February 16, 2004.

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Supplemental Schedule

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Virco Mfg. Corporation
401(k) Plan
EIN: 95-1613718 Plan: 002

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

December 31, 2003

Identity of Issue	Description of Investment	Current Value
Security Trust Company*	Cash account	\$ 109,848
American Funds Cap World Growth & Income Fund	Mutual fund	255,293
Alliance Growth & Income Fund	Mutual fund	670,639
American Funds Europacific Fund	Mutual fund	207,801
American Funds Growth Fund	Mutual fund	808,329
Bond Fund of America	Mutual fund	1,233,726
Cash Management Trust of America Fund	Mutual fund	833,600
Goldman Sachs Internet Toll Keeper Fund	Mutual fund	116,815
MFS Mid-Cap Growth Fund	Mutual fund	246,839
MFS Strategic Value Fund	Mutual fund	343,453
Oppenheimer Quest Balanced Value Fund	Mutual fund	891,084
Paine Webber Brinson Tactical Allocation Fund	Mutual fund	2,712,102
Virco Mfg. Corporation	491,803 Shares of	
Common Stock*	Common Stock	3,122,949
Participant Loans*	**	512,970
		\$12,065,448

* Party-in-interest.

** The participant loans represent loans to 150 plan participants. The loans bear a fixed rate of interest established as the prime rate on the last day of the month prior to the loan application plus 1%, and the loans are collateralized by the participants' vested interests. The prime rate ranged from 4.25% to 4.75% in the current year.

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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements Form S-8 No. 333-74832 pertaining to the Virco Mfg. Corporation 401 (k) Plan of our report dated June 4, 2004, with respect to the financial statements and schedule of the Virco Mfg. Corporation 401 (k) Plan included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2003.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California
June 24, 2004