

TEXTRON INC  
Form 8-K  
November 09, 2007

**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**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 8, 2007

**TEXTRON INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of  
Incorporation)

I-5480  
(Commission File Number)

05-0315468  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

40 Westminster Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 421-2800

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On November 8, 2007, Ted R. French, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Textron, adopted a pre-arranged stock trading plan to exercise Textron stock options and sell the acquired Textron stock. This plan was established as part of his individual long-term strategy for asset diversification and liquidity. The plan was adopted in accordance with guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Textron's policies regarding stock transactions.

Under the plan, Mr. French may sell up to 135,366 shares of Textron stock over approximately seven months beginning in December 2007. Shares will be sold under the plan on the open market at pre-determined times at prevailing market prices, subject to minimum price thresholds. The transactions under the plan will be disclosed publicly through Form 144 and Form 4 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Rule 10b5-1 permits individuals who are not in possession of material, non-public information at the time the plan is adopted to establish pre-arranged plans to buy or sell company stock. Using these plans, individuals can prudently and gradually diversify their investment portfolios over an extended period of time and avoid concerns about transactions occurring at a time when they might possess material non-public information.

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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.

TEXTRON INC.  
(Registrant)

By:

Terrence O'Donnell  
Executive Vice President  
and General Counsel

Date: November 8, 2007

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