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July 19, 2004

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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): July 19, 2004

COGNEX CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Massachusetts  | 0-17869                  | 04-2713778                              |
| -----  | -----                    | -----                                   |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation or<br>organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

One Vision Drive  
Natick, Massachusetts 01760-2059  
(508) 650-3000

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of principal executive offices)

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Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description  |
|-------------|--|
| 99.1        | News release, dated July 19, 2004, by Cognex Corporation |
| Item 12.    | Results of Operations and Financial Condition            |

On July 19, 2004, Cognex Corporation issued a news release to report its

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financial results for the second quarter ended July 4, 2004. The release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be filed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COGNEX CORPORATION

Dated: July 19, 2004

By:  
Richard A. Morin  
Senior Vice President of Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer