DUANE READE INC Form SC 13G/A March 09, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Schedule 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 8)*

DUANE READE, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

263578106

(CUSIP Number)

Check the following box if a fee is being paid with this statement ____. (A fee is not required only if the filing person: (1) has a previous statement on file reporting beneficial ownership of more than five percent of the class of securities described in Item 1; and (2) has filed no amendment subsequent thereto reporting beneficial ownership of five percent or less of such class.) (See Rule 13d-7.)

*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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- 1 Name of Reporting Person
 S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person
 - T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC. 52-0556948
- 2 Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

	NOT APPLICA	BLE		(a) (b)	
3	SEC Use Only	У			
4	Citizenship MARYLAND	or	Place of Organization		
Nur	mber of		Sole Voting Power		
Sha	ares	**	143,658		
Bei	neficially	6 **	Shared Voting Power		
Owi	ned By Each		-0-		
Rej	porting	7 **	Sole Dispositive Power		
Pe	rson	**	1,419,483		
Wit	-h	8	Shared Dispositive Power		
			-0-		
9	Aggregate A	moun	at Beneficially Owned by Each Reporti	ng Person	
	1,419,483				
10	Check Box is Shares*	f th	ne Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Exclud	les Certain	
	NOT APPLICABLE				
11	Percent of	Clas	s Represented by Amount in Row 9		
	5.8%				
12	Type of Rep	orti	.ng Person*		
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1	Name of Repo		ng Person Identification No. of Above Person		
	T. ROWE PRIC 52-0791372	CE N	NEW HORIZONS FUND, INC		
2	Check the A	ppro	opriate Box if a Member of a Group*		
	NOT APPLICABLE (b)				
3	SEC Use Only	У			
4	Citizenship	or	Place of Organization		

Maryland

Number of 5 Sole Voting Power

* *

Shares 1,072,200

Beneficially 6 Shared Voting Power

* *

Owned By Each NONE

Reporting 7 Sole Dispositive Power

* *

Person NONE

With 8 Shared Dispositive Power

NONE

9 Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,072,200

10 Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares*

NOT APPLICABLE

11 Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9

4.3%

12 Type of Reporting Person*

IV

*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

**The aggregate amount reported on this page is also included in the aggregate amount reported by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. on page 2 of this Schedule 13G.

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Reference is made to page 1 of this Schedule 13G

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

440 Ninth Avenue, New York, New York 10001

Item 2(a) Name of Person(s) Filing:

- (1) T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("Price Associates")
- (2) T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund, Inc.
- X Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of an agreement between the Persons Filing (as specified hereinabove) that this Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of each of them.
- Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

	100 E. Pratt Sti	reet, Baltimore	, Maryland 212	02
Item 2(c)	Citizenship or I	Place of Organi:	zation:	
	(1) Maryland			
	(2) Maryland			
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of	of Securities:		
	Reference is made	de to page 1 of	this Schedule	13G
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number: 20	63578106		
Item 3	The person filin	ng this Schedule	e 13G is an:	
X	Investment Advis			203 of the
X	Investment Compa		under Section	8 of the
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Item 4	Ownership	Units Deemed Beneficially Owned Directly	Deemed Outstanding And Beneficially Owned Directl Subject to Warrants & Conversion Privileges	У
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	the vote	. 112,100	31,558	143,658

	*shared power to vote or to direct the vote	-0-	-0-	-0-
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(2) WITH RES			CUSIP 2	263578106 of 8 Pages
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(i) (ii)	*sole power to vote or to direct the vote *shared power to vote or to direct the vote *sole power to dispose or to direct the			

^{*}Units reported in subcategories (i) and (ii) are also included in subcategory (iii) or (iv). SCHEDULE 13G PAGE 7 OF 8

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

This statement is being filed to report the fact that, as of the date of this report, T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund, Inc. has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

This Item 5 is not applicable with respect to Price Associates.

- - (1) Price Associates does not serve as custodian of the assets of any of its clients; accordingly, in each instance only the client or the client's custodian or trustee bank has the right to receive dividends paid with respect to, and proceeds from the sale of, such securities.

The ultimate power to direct the receipt of dividends paid with respect to, and the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, is vested in the individual and institutional clients which Price Associates serves as investment adviser. Any and all discretionary authority which has been delegated to Price Associates may be revoked in whole or in part at any time

Except as may be indicated if this is a joint filing with one of the registered investment companies sponsored by Price Associates which it also serves as investment adviser ("T. Rowe Price Funds"), not more than 5% of the class of such securities is owned by any one client subject to the investment advice of Price Associates.

- (2) With respect to securities owned by any one of the T. Rowe Price Funds, only State Street Bank and Trust Company, as custodian for each of such Funds, has the right to receive dividends paid with respect to, and proceeds from the sale of, such securities. No other person is known to have such right, except that the shareholders of each such Fund participate proportionately in any dividends and distributions so paid.
- Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company.

Not Applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

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Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 10 Certification.

By signing below I (we) certify that, to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect. T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. hereby declares and affirms that the filing of Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that Price Associates is the beneficial owner of the securities referred to, which beneficial ownership is expressly denied.

Signature.

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

Dated: March 10, 2004 Dated: March 10, 2004

T. ROWE PRICE NEW HORIZONS
FUND, INC.

T. ROWE PRICE NEW HORIZONS T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Carrier Joseph A. Carrier Treasurer

By: /s/ Henry H. Hopkins Henry H. Hopkins, Vice President

Note: This Schedule 13G, including all exhibits, must be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and a copy hereof must be sent to the issuer by registered or certified mail not later than February 14th following the calendar year covered by the statement or within the time specified in Rule 13d-1(b)(2), if applicable.

2/29/2004

EXHIBIT A

AGREEMENT

JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13G

T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940) and T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund, Inc., a Maryland corporation, hereby agree to file jointly the statement on Schedule 13G to which this Agreement is attached, and any amendments thereto which may be deemed necessary, pursuant to Regulation 13D-G under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

It is understood and agreed that each of the parties hereto is responsible for the timely filing of such statement and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such party contained therein, but such party is not responsible for the completeness or accuracy of information concerning the other party unless such party knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

It is understood and agreed that a copy of this Agreement shall be attached as an exhibit to the statement on Schedule 13G, and any amendments hereto, filed on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

Dated: March 10, 2004 Dated: March 10, 2004

FUND, INC.

T. ROWE PRICE NEW HORIZONS T. ROWE PRICE ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: /s/ Joseph A. Carrier By: /s/ Henry H. Hopkins Joseph A. Carrier Treasurer

Henry H. Hopkins, Vice President