As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 8th, 2001 Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

South Dakota (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

41-0306862 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

331 32nd Avenue
Brookings, South Dakota 57006
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Zip Code)

(Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended)
(Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended)

(Daktronics, Inc. 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan) (Daktronics, Inc. 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan) (Full title of plans)

James B. Morgan
Chief Executive Officer
Daktronics, Inc.
331 32nd Avenue
Brookings, South Dakota 57006
(Name and address of agent for service)
Telephone Number, including area code,
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock (no par value)	2,400,000(2)(4)	\$6.88	\$16,512,000	\$4,128.00
Common Stock (no par value)	800,000(3)(4)	\$6.88	\$5,504,000	\$1,376.00

- (1) Estimated solely for purposes of computing the registration fee. In accordance with Rule 457, the price is the average of the high and low prices per share of Common Stock on NASDAQ/National Market System on November 5, 2001.
- (2) This total represents 1,200,000 shares reserved for issuance under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended. This total also includes 1,200,000 shares under the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan.
- (3) This total represents 400,000 shares reserved for issuance under the 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended. This total also includes 400,000 shares under the 2001 Directors Stock Option Plan.

(4) There are also registered hereunder, pursuant to Rule 416, such indeterminable number of shares of common stock as may be issued under the anti-dilution provisions of the Plans.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the document containing the information specified in Part II of Form S-8 will be distributed to persons who receive grants or awards under the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, the 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and the 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan (the "Plans"). Each disclosure document constitutes a Section 10(a) prospectus and is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, but it is not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as a prospectus or prospectus supplement.

PART II

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents filed with the Commission by Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") are incorporated and made a part of this Registration Statement by reference:

- A. The Company's latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 which contains, either directly or by incorporation reference, certain financial statements for the Company's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.
- B. All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 since the end of the fiscal year covered by the annual reports referred to in Paragraph A above.
- C. The Company's definitive proxy statement or information statement, if any, filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in connection with the latest annual meeting of its stockholders, and any definitive proxy or information statements so filed in connection with any subsequent annual or special meetings of its stockholders.
- D. The description of the Company's Common Stock which is contained in the Company's registration statement on Form S-1 filed December 3, 1993, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description, which is filed subsequent to the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the termination of the offering of the common stock offered hereby.

All reports and other documents subsequently filed by the Company and the Plans pursuant to sections 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining to be unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such reports and documents. Any statement contained herein or in a document all or part of which is incorporated or deemed to be

incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The South Dakota Business Corporation Act, the Company's Bylaws and agreements between the Company and each officer and director, provide that officers and directors of the Company have the right to indemnification from the company for liability arising out of certain actions to the fullest extent permissible by law. This indemnification may be available for liabilities arising in connection with this offering. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Company pursuant to such indemnification provisions, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is therefore unenforceable. The South Dakota Business Corporation Act and the Company's bylaws also provide that a South Dakota business corporation may indemnify any director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation made or threatened to be made a party to a proceeding, by reason of the former or present official capacity of such person on behalf of the Company, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses incurred by the person in connection with the proceeding if certain statutory standards are met.

The Company has purchased liability insurance to indemnify its directors and officers against loss arising from claims by reason of their legal liability for acts as officers and directors, subject to limitations and conditions set forth in the policies.

The Company has adopted in its Articles of Incorporation a provision which limits personal liability for breach of fiduciary duty by directors, to the extent provided by the South Dakota Business corporation Act. This provision eliminates the personal liability of directors for damages occasioned by breach of fiduciary duty, except for liability based on the director's duty of loyalty to the Company, liability for acts or omissions not made in good faith, liability for acts or omissions involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, liability based on payments of improper dividends or liability for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS

- 4.1 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan
- 4.2 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan
- 4.3 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended
- 4.4 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended
- 5.1 Opinion and Consent of Counsel to the Registrant
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Auditors
- 23.2 Counsel's Consent (Filed as part of Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of Attorney

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a) (3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form S-8 and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Brookings, and the State of South Dakota on this 8th day of November, 2001.

DAKTRONICS, INC.

By

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James B. Morgan, Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature

signature 	11116	
By /s/James B. Morgan James B. Morgan		November 8th, 2001
By /s/ William R. Retterath William R. Retterath	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ Aelred J. Kurtenbach Aelred J. Kurtenbach	Director Chairman of the Board	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ Roland J. Jensen Roland J. Jensen	Director	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ Frank J. Kurtenbach Frank J. Kurtenbach	Director	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ John L. Mulligan John L. Mulligan	Director	November 8th, 2001

Signature 	Title 	Date
By /s/ Charles S. Roberts Charles S. Roberts	Director	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ Duane E. Sander Duane E. Sander	Director	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ Nancy D. Frame Nancy D. Frame	Director	November 8th, 2001
By /s/ James A. Vellenga James A. Vellenga	Director	November 8th, 2001

EXHIBIT 4.1

2001 INCENTIVE STOCK OPTION PLAN

1. Purpose. The purpose of the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan is to induce certain designated persons to continue to provide valuable services to Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") and to encourage such persons to secure or increase on reasonable terms their stock ownership in the Company. The Board of Directors of the Company believes the Plan is in the best interest of the Company and will promote the success of the Company. This success will be achieved by encouraging continuity of management and increased incentive and personal interest in the welfare of the Company by those who are primarily responsible for shaping and implementing the long-range plans of the Company.

Certain Options granted under this Plan are intended to be Incentive Stock Options qualified under Section 422 of the Code.

- 2. Definitions. For purposes of this Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:
 - (a) "Capital Stock" or "Common Stock": any of the Company's authorized but unissued shares of common stock, each without par value.

 - (c) "Fair Market Value": (i) the average between the high and low reported sale prices for the Common Stock on the Option Date (or, if there were no such sales on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such sales) as reported on the Composite Tape if the Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or on the National Association of Securities Dealers National Market System ("NMS"), (ii) if the Common Stock is not then listed on the NYSE or the NMS, the average between the closing bid and asked price quotations for the Common Stock on that date (or if none on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such quotations) as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System or any successor thereto or (iii) if the Common Stock is not then listed as described above, such value as is reasonably determined by the Committee (see Section 4) based on the then current fair market value of the Common Stock at the time any Option is granted. Fair Market Value of Incentive Stock Options shall be determined consistent with the Code and regulations.
 - (d) "Incentive Stock Option": an option defined in Section 422 of the Code to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company.
 - (e) "Non-Qualified Stock Option": an option, not intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option as defined in Section 422 of the Code, to purchase Common Stock of the Company.

 - (g) "Option Agreement": a written agreement pursuant to which the Company grants an Option to an Optionee and sets the terms and conditions of the Option.
 - (h) "Option Date": the date upon which an Option Agreement for an option granted pursuant to this Plan is duly executed by or on behalf of the Company.
 - (i) "Option Stock": the Common Stock of the Company (subject to adjustment as described in Section 7) reserved for options pursuant to this Plan, or any other class of stock of the Company which may be substituted therefore by exchange, stock split or otherwise.
 - (j) "Optionee": a person who is eligible to receive an Option under Section 5 of the Plan and to whom an Option has been granted under the Plan.

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- (k) "Plan": this 2001 Stock Option Plan effective August 15, 2001, and as amended hereafter from time to time.
- (1) A "Subsidiary": any corporation in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company, if, at the time of granting the option, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the chain owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain. The term shall include any subsidiaries which become such after adoption of this Plan.
- 3. Options Available Under Plan. An aggregate of 1,200,000 shares of the Company's authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock are hereby made available for grant, and shall be reserved for issuance, under this Plan. The

aggregate number of shares available under this Plan shall be subject to adjustment on the occurrence of any of the events and in the manner set forth in Section 7. If an Option shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full, the unpurchased shares, shall (unless the Plan shall have been terminated) become available for other Options under the Plan.

4. Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company. At all times subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate some or all of its authority under the Plan to a committee consisting of three (3) or more Directors (the "Committee"), and/or obtain assistance or recommendations from such Committee. If no separate committee is appointed, the Board shall constitute the Committee, and references to the Committee shall include the entire Board of Directors.

The Company shall grant Options pursuant to the Plan upon determinations of the Committee as to which of the eligible persons shall be granted Options, the number of shares to be Optioned and the term during which any such Options may be exercised. At all times, a majority of the members of the Committee making determinations about the grant of Options to employee-directors or employee-officers must be disinterested in the grant being made. The Committee may from time to time adopt rules and procedures for carrying out the Plan and interpretations and constructions of any provision of the Plan, which shall be final and conclusive.

5. Eligibility for Stock Options. Incentive Stock Options under the Plan may only be granted to such employees of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, as selected by the Committee.

In selecting the employees or other persons to whom Stock Options shall be granted, as well as determining the number of shares subject to each Option, the Committee shall take into consideration such factors as it deems relevant in connection with accomplishing the purpose of the Plan. For any calendar year, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the Option Date) of the stock with respect to which any Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any individual employee (under all Incentive Stock Option plans of the Company and all subsidiary corporations) shall not exceed \$100,000. Subject to the provisions of Section 3, an optionee who has been granted an Option may, if he or she is otherwise eligible, be granted an additional Option or Options if the Committee shall so determine. Any Incentive Stock Option that becomes exercisable and exceeds the above limitation shall be treated as a Non-Qualified Option.

No Stock Option may be granted under this Plan later than the expiration at the end of the fiscal year 2011.

- 6. Terms and Conditions of Options. Whenever the Committee shall designate an Optionee, it shall communicate to the Secretary of the Company the name of the Optionee, the number of shares to be Optioned and such other terms and conditions as it shall determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Plan. The President or other officer of the Company shall then enter into an Option Agreement with the Optionee, complying with and subject to the following terms and conditions and setting forth such other terms and conditions of the Option as determined by the Committee:
 - (a) Number of shares and option price. The Option Agreement shall state the total number of shares to which it pertains. The price of Incentive Stock Option Stock shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of the Option Stock at the Option Date. In the event an Incentive Stock Option is granted to an employee, who, at the Option Date, owns more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of the Company's stock then outstanding, the price of the shares of Option Stock which will be covered by such Option shall be not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of the Option Stock at the Option Date. Non-Qualified Options may be granted at a price equal to, greater than or less than Fair Market Value at the date of grant. The Option price shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 7 hereof.
 - (b) Period of options and right to exercise. Options granted under this Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, shall be exercisable at such times and shall be evidenced by such form of written Option Agreement as the Committee shall determine, provided that such determinations are not inconsistent with Code Section 422 and the regulations thereunder. The Option Agreement may, at the discretion of the Committee, provide for the acceleration of vesting of Options upon a "Change in Control" of the Company, as defined in Section 6(h) below.

In addition, no Option granted, shall by its terms, be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date such Option is granted. Except, however, Incentive Stock Options granted to any employee who at the Option Date owns more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all shares of the classes of Company's stock then outstanding, may not be exercisable after expiration of five (5) years from the Option Date. The period during which the Option may be exercised, once it is granted, shall not be reduced, except as provided in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) below. The exercise of any Option will be contingent upon receipt by the Company of payment as provided in paragraph (f) below for the full purchase price of such shares. No Optionee or his or her legal representatives, legatees or distributees, as the case may be, will be, or will be deemed to be, a holder of any shares subject to an Option unless and until certificates for such shares are issued under the terms of the Plan.

(c) Termination of Employment or Service. In the event that an Optionee shall cease to be employed by or performing services for the Company for any reason other than death, subject to the condition that no Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date it is granted, and unless the Option Agreement provides otherwise, such Optionee shall have the right to exercise any outstanding Options at any time within three (3) months after the termination of employment or service.

- (d) Death of Optionee. If the Optionee shall die (i) while in the employ of or while providing services to the Company or any Subsidiary, or (ii) within a period of three (3) months after the termination of his or her employment or as a corporate director with the Company or any subsidiary as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, and in either case shall not have fully exercised his or her Options, any Options granted pursuant to the Plan shall be exercisable until the earlier of the originally stated date of termination or one year from the date of death. Such Option shall be exercised pursuant to subparagraph (f) of this Section by the person or persons to whom the Optionee's rights under the Option shall pass by the Optionee's will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and only to the extent that such Options were exercisable at the time of his or her death.
- (e) Transfer of Option. Each Option granted hereunder shall, by its terms, not be transferable by the Optionee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be, during the Optionee's lifetime, exercisable only by the Optionee. Except as permitted by the preceding sentence, each Option granted under the Plan and the rights and privileges thereby conferred shall not be transferred, assigned or pledged in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise), and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to so transfer, assign, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the Option, or of any right or privilege conferred thereby, contrary to the provisions of the Option or the Plan, or upon levy of any attachment or similar process upon such rights and privileges, the Option, and such rights and privileges, shall immediately become null and void.
- (f) Manner of Exercise of Options. An Option may be exercised, in whole or in part, at such time or times and with respect to such number of shares, as the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine at the time that the Option is granted. The Option terms shall be set forth in the Option Agreement granting the Option. Such Option shall be exercisable only within the Option period and only by (i) written notice to the Company of intent to exercise the Option with respect to a specified number of shares of stock; (ii) tendering the original Option Agreement to the Company; and (iii) payment to the Company of the amount of the Option purchase price for the number of shares of stock with respect to which the Option is then exercised. Payment of the Option purchase price may be made in cash, by cashier's check (by personal check at the discretion of the Company) or by a "cashless exercise" procedure established between the Company and a stock brokerage firm, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws. When shares of stock are issued to the Optionee pursuant to the exercise of an Option, the fact of such issuance shall be noted on the Option Agreement by the Company before the Agreement is returned to the Optionee. When all shares of Optioned stock covered by the Option Agreement have been issued to the Optionee, or the Option shall expire, the Option Agreement shall be canceled and retained by the Company.
- (g) Delivery of Certificate. As promptly as practicable after receipt of the written notice and payment specified above, the Company shall deliver to the Optionee certificates for the number of shares with respect to which the Option has been exercised, issued in the Optionee's name; provided, however, that such delivery shall be deemed effected for all purposes when the Company, or the stock transfer agent for the Company, shall have deposited such certificates in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Optionee at the address specified in the written notice of exercise.

- (h) Change in Control. A "Change in Control" shall, unless the Board otherwise directs by resolution adopted prior thereto, be deemed to occur if (i) any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended ("Exchange Act")) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting Capital Stock of the Company ("Voting Stock") or (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or the nomination for election by the Company's shareholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least three-quarters of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period. Any merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization in which the owners of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors prior to said combination, own 50% or more of the resulting entity's Voting Stock shall not, by itself, be considered a change in control for the purposes of this Plan.
- (i) Other Provisions. The Option Agreements authorized under this Section may contain such other provisions as the Committee shall deem advisable.
- 7. Adjustment of Number of Shares. If, and to the extent that, the number of issued shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall be increased or reduced by change in par value, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split up, distribution of a dividend payable in stock or the like, the number of shares subject to the Option and the Option price therefor shall be equitably adjusted by the Committee consistent with such change to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to or available to Optionees.

Subject to the foregoing, the grant of an Option pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure or to merge or to consolidate or to dissolve, liquidate or sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets.

- 8. No Rights as Stockholder. An Optionee shall not, by reason of any Option granted hereunder, have any right of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares covered by his or her Option until such shares shall have been issued to the Optionee.
- 9. No Obligation to Exercise Option. The granting of an Option shall impose no obligation upon the Optionee to exercise such Option. Neither shall the Plan confer upon the Optionee any rights respecting continued employment nor limit the Optionee's rights or the employer Company's rights to terminate such employment.
- 10. Withholding Taxes. If required by law, upon a disqualified disposition of an Incentive Stock Option, the Company shall have the right to require any Optionee that is or was an employee as of the Option Date, to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy any federal and state withholding or other employment taxes, if any, resulting from such option exercise or early disposition of Option Stock. Payment of such amount may be made in the same manner as payment of the exercise price or by tendering previously owned shares of the Company's Common Stock with a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to such amount, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.

- 11. Common Stock Acquired for Investment. Common Stock acquired by an Optionee under this Plan by exercise of any Option shall be acquired by the Optionee for investment and without intention of resale, unless, in the opinion of counsel of the Company, such common stock may be purchased without any investment representation. Where an investment representation is deemed necessary, the Committee may require a written representation to that effect by the Optionee as a condition of the Optionee exercising an Option under this Plan, and the Committee may place an appropriate legend on the common stock issued to the Optionee indicating that such common stock has not been registered under federal or state securities laws. Each Option shall be subject to the requirement that if, at any time, the Committee shall determine in its discretion that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares subject to such Option upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of such Option or the issuance or purchase of shares thereunder, then such Option shall not be granted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee. Nothing contained herein shall require the Company to register the Options or the shares of voting common stock purchased upon the exercise of said Options.
- 12. Effective Date. This Plan shall be effective August 15, 2001 (the "Effective Date") as approved by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company. However, unless within 12 months after the Plan is adopted by the Board of Directors, the Plan is approved by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding Capital Stock of the Company, the Plan and options granted hereunder shall not qualify under Section 422 of the Code.
- 13. Liquidation. Upon the complete liquidation of the Company, any unexercised Options theretofore granted under this Plan shall be deemed canceled, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 in connection with a merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company.
- 14. Termination and Amendment of the Plan. This Plan shall terminate at the end of the fiscal year 2011or at such earlier time as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any termination shall not affect any Options then outstanding under the Plan.

The Board may make such modifications of the Plan as it shall deem advisable, but may not, without further approval of the stockholders of the Company, except as provided in Section 7 hereof, (a) increase the number of shares reserved for Options under this Plan, (b) change the manner of determining the Option price for Incentive Stock Options, (c) increase the maximum term of the Options provided for herein or (d) change the class of persons eligible to receive Options under the Plan.

15. Governing law. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of South Dakota without reference to the principles of conflicts of law thereof.

EXHIBIT 4.2

2001 OUTSIDE DIRECTORS STOCK OPTION PLAN

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Daktronics, Inc. 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") is to provide a means whereby Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") may grant options to purchase common stock of the Company to those members of the Company's Board of Directors who are not employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries ("Eligible Directors"). Options granted under the Plan are not intended to and do not qualify as incentive stock options as described in Section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

2. Number of Shares Available under the Plan

Options will be granted by the Company at the times described below, to Eligible Directors to purchase an aggregate of up to 400,000 shares of common stock, without par value, of the Company and 400,000 shares shall be reserved for options granted under the Plan (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.9 below). The shares issued upon exercise of options granted under the Plan may be authorized and unissued shares or reacquired shares held by the Company. If any option granted under the Plan shall terminate, expire or with the consent of the optionee, be canceled as to any shares, new options may thereafter be granted covering such shares without affecting the amount of the option reserve noted above.

3. Administration.

The Plan shall be administered by a Committee consisting of the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company who are not eligible to participate in the Plan (the "Committee"). Committee members shall have no discretion concerning the grant of options, the price at which options are to be granted or times at which options may be exercised.

The Committee may interpret the Plan, amend and rescind any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Plan and make other determinations and take such other action as it deems necessary or advisable. No such action will affect the rights of Eligible Directors who have been granted options prior to such action. Any interpretation or other action made or taken by the Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive.

4. Terms and Conditions

- 4.1 Time of Grant and Form. Each option granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an option agreement which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, for the following respective grants of options:
 - (a) Each Eligible Director who is appointed, elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors on or after August 15, 2001, shall receive a grant of options for the purchase of shares of common stock of the Company, effective on the date of appointment, election or re-election to the Board in an amount equal to a maximum of 12,000 options for each year of the term of that person's directorship (i.e., up to 12,000 options for a one year term, or lesser period; up to 24,000 options for a two year term, or lesser period exceeding one year; or up to 36,000 options for a three year term, or lesser period exceeding two years).

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The foregoing respective dates of grant are referred to herein as the "Grant Date." Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the scheduled Grant Date, the President determines, in his discretion, that the Company is in possession of material, undisclosed information that would prevent the Company from issuing securities, then the grant of options to Eligible Directors pursuant to this Section 4.1 will be suspended until the third day after public dissemination of such information. The President may only suspend the grant; the amount and other terms of the grant will remain as set forth in the Plan, with the exercise price of the option to be determined in accordance with the Plan on the date the option is finally granted.

4.2 Exercisability. Subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, each option agreement shall provide that the option will vest and become first exercisable annually in increments of up to 12,000 shares of Common Stock commencing on the

first anniversary of the grant date. If the Plan is not approved by the shareholders, all options granted under the Plan shall thereupon lapse.

- 4.3 Option Period. Subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, each option agreement shall provide that the option shall expire at the end of seven (7) years from the date granted or upon dissolution of the Company, if earlier.
- 4.4 Option Price. The exercise price per share for options granted under the Plan shall be the "Fair Market Value" (as defined herein) as of the Common Stock on the Grant Date. As used herein, "Fair Market Value" shall mean: (a) the average between the high and low reported sale prices for the Common Stock on the date of determination (or, if there were no such sales on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such sales) as reported on the Composite Tape if the Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or on the National Association of Securities Dealers National Market System ("NMS"), (b) if the Common Stock is not then listed on the NYSE or the NMS, the average between the closing bid and asked price quotations for the Common Stock on that date (or if none on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such quotations) as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System or any successor thereto or (c) if the Common Stock is not then listed as described above, such value as is reasonably determined by the Committee based on the then current fair market value of the Common Stock.
- 4.5 Payment of Option Price. The purchase price of the shares as to which an option shall be exercised shall be paid in cash, check, bank draft or money order made payable to the Company, or by a "cashless exercise" procedure established between the Company and a stock brokerage firm, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.
- 4.6 Exercise in the Event of Death or Ceasing to be a Board Member. Each option agreement shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) If an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company (other than by death or a "Change in Control" (as defined herein)), the options which are then exercisable (vested) may be exercised until seven (7) years from the date of grant, and shall thereafter lapse.
 - (b) If an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company because of death or a "Change in Control," all outstanding options, whether or not vested, shall immediately become exercisable until seven (7) years from the date of grant, and shall thereafter lapse.

Options that are not exercisable (not vested) as of the date an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company (other than by death or due to a Change in Control) shall immediately lapse on that date.

- 4.7 Change in Control. A "Change in Control" shall, unless the Board otherwise directs by resolution adopted prior thereto, be deemed to occur if (i) any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended ("Exchange Act")) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting capital stock of the Company ("Voting Stock") or (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or the nomination for election by the Company's shareholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least three-quarters of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period. Any merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization in which the owners of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors prior to said combination, own 50% or more of the resulting entity's Voting Stock shall not, by itself, be considered a change in control for the purposes of this Plan.
- 4.8 Adjustment of Number of Shares. If, and to the extent that, the number of issued shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall be increased or reduced by change in par value, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split up, distribution of a dividend payable in stock or the like, the number of shares subject to any outstanding option and the option price therefor shall be equitably adjusted by the Committee consistent with such change to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to or available to optionees.

Subject to the foregoing, the grant of an option pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure or to merge or to consolidate or to dissolve, liquidate or sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets.

- 4.9 No Rights as Stockholder. An optionee shall not, by reason of any option granted hereunder, have any right of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares covered by his or her option until such shares shall have been issued to the optionee.
- 4.10 No Obligation to Exercise Option. The granting of an option shall impose no obligation upon the optionee to exercise such option. Neither shall the Plan confer upon the optionee any rights respecting continued directorship.
- 4.11 Withholding Taxes. Prior to the delivery of any certificates or certificates for shares issuable upon exercise of an option, the Company shall have the right to require any optionee to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy any federal and state withholding or other taxes, if any, resulting from such option exercise. Payment of such amount may be made in the same manner as payment of the exercise price or by tendering previously owned shares of the Company's Common Stock with a Fair Market Value (as defined herein) on the date of exercise equal to such amount, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.

- 4.12 Common Stock Acquired for Investment. Common Stock acquired by an optionee under this Plan by exercise of any option shall be acquired by the optionee for investment and without intention of resale, unless, in the opinion of counsel of the Company, such common stock may be purchased without any investment representation. Where an investment representation is deemed necessary, the Committee may require a written representation to that effect by the optionee as a condition of the optionee exercising an option under this Plan, and the Committee may place an appropriate legend on the common stock issued to the optionee indicating that such common stock has not been registered under federal or state securities laws. Each option shall be subject to the requirement that if, at any time, the Committee shall determine in its discretion that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares subject to such option upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of such option or the issuance or purchase of shares thereunder, then such option shall not be granted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee. Nothing contained herein shall require the Company to register the options or the shares of voting common stock purchased upon the exercise of said options.
- 4.13 Liquidation. Upon the complete liquidation of the Company, any unexercised options theretofore granted under this Plan shall be deemed canceled, except as otherwise provided in the Plan in connection with a merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company.
- 4.14 Transfer of Option. Each option granted hereunder shall, by its terms, not be transferable by the optionee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be, during the optionee's lifetime, exercisable only by the optionee. Except as permitted by the preceding sentence, each option granted under the Plan and the rights and privileges thereby conferred shall not be transferred, assigned or pledged in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise), and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to so transfer, assign, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the option, or of any right or privilege conferred thereby, contrary to the provisions of the option or the Plan, or upon levy of any attachment or similar process upon such rights and privileges, the option, and such rights and privileges, shall immediately become null and void.
- 4.15 Governing law. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of South Dakota without reference to the principles of conflicts of law thereof.
- 4.16 Expiration Date. The Plan shall terminate at the end of the Company's fiscal year in 2011, or on such earlier date determined by the Board. Any termination shall not affect any options then outstanding under the Plan. No options may be granted after termination.

5. Amendment and Termination.

The Board may from time to time amend, suspend or discontinue the Plan provided that, subject to the provisions of Section 4.8 above, no action of the Board may permit the granting of any option at the option price less than that determined in accordance with Section 4.4 above; adjust or change the Grant Date determined under Section 4.1 above; or shorten the period provided for in Section 4.3 above. However, the Plan may not be amended more than once every six months other than to comport with changes in the Internal Revenue Code, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or the rules thereunder. Without the written consent of an

optionee, no amendment or suspension of the Plan shall alter or impair any option previously granted to him or her under the Plan. The Board may, subject to limitations in the Plan, modify, extend or renew outstanding options granted under the Plan, or accept the surrender of outstanding options to the extent unexercised.

6. Effective Date

The Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company to be effective as of August 15, 2001, and its effectiveness is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company and is also subject to the termination of the 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, effective as of the close of business on August 14, 2001.

Exhibit 4.3

DAKTRONICS, INC. 1993 STOCK OPTION PLAN AS AMENDED

1. Purpose. The purpose of the 1993 Stock Option Plan is to induce certain designated persons to continue to provide valuable services to Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") and to encourage such persons to secure or increase on reasonable terms their stock ownership in the Company. The Board of Directors of the Company believes the Plan is in the best interest of the Company and will promote the success of the Company. This success will be achieved by encouraging continuity of management and increased incentive and personal interest in the welfare of the Company by those who are primarily responsible for shaping and implementing the long-range plans of the Company.

Certain Options granted under this Plan are intended to be Incentive Stock Options qualified under Section 422 of the Code. The Plan also permits the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options.

- - (a) "Capital Stock" or "Common Stock": any of the Company's authorized but unissued shares of common stock, each without par value.
 - (b) "Code": the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
 - (c) "Fair Market Value": (i) the average between the high and low reported sale prices for the Common Stock on the Option Date (or, if there were no such sales on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such sales) as reported on the Composite Tape if the Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or on the National Association of Securities Dealers National Market System ("NMS"), (ii) if the Common Stock is not then listed on the NYSE or the NMS, the average between the closing bid and asked price quotations for the Common Stock on that date (or if none on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such quotations) as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automátic Quotation System or any successor thereto or (iii) if the Common Stock is not then listed as described above, such value as is reasonably determined by the Committee (see Section 4) based on the then current fair market value of the Common Stock at the time any Option is granted. Fair Market Value of Incentive Stock Options shall be determined consistent with the Code and regulations.
 - (d) "Incentive Stock Option": an option defined in Section 422 of the Code to purchase shares of the common stock of the Company.
 - (e) "Non-Qualified Stock Option": an option, not intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option as defined in Section 422 of the Code, to purchase Common Stock of the Company.

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- (h) "Option Date": the date upon which an Option Agreement for an option granted pursuant to this Plan is duly executed by or on behalf of the Company.
- (i) "Option Stock": the Common Stock of the Company (subject to adjustment as described in Section 7) reserved for options pursuant to this Plan, or any other class of stock of the Company which may be substituted therefore by exchange, stock split or otherwise.

- (k) "Plan": this 1993 Stock Option Plan effective November 18, 1993, as amended effective February 26, 1998, and as amended hereafter from time to time.
- (1) A "Subsidiary": any corporation in an unbroken chain of corporations beginning with the Company, if, at the time of granting the option, each of the corporations other than the last corporation in the chain owns stock possessing fifty percent (50%) or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock in one of the other corporations in such chain. The term shall include any subsidiaries which become such after adoption of this Plan.
- 3. Options Available Under Plan. An aggregate of 600,000 shares of the Company's authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock (after giving effect to the 10-for-1 stock split authorized on the Common Stock on November 18, 1993) are hereby made available for grant, and shall be reserved for issuance, under this Plan. The aggregate number of shares available under this Plan shall be subject to adjustment on the occurrence of any of the events and in the manner set forth in Section 7. If an Option shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full, the unpurchased shares, shall (unless the Plan shall have been terminated) become available for other Options under the Plan.
- 4. Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company. At all times subject to the authority of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may from time to time delegate some or all of its authority under the Plan to a committee consisting of three (3) or more Directors (the "Committee"), and/or obtain assistance or recommendations from such Committee. If no separate committee is appointed, the Board shall constitute the Committee, and references to the Committee shall include the entire Board of Directors.

The Company shall grant Options pursuant to the Plan upon determinations of the Committee as to which of the eligible persons shall be granted Options, the number of shares to be Optioned and the term during which any such Options may be exercised. At all times, a majority of the members of the Committee making determinations about the grant of Options to employee-directors or employee-officers must be disinterested in the grant being made. The Committee may from time to time adopt rules and procedures for carrying out the Plan and interpretations and constructions of any provision of the Plan, which shall be final and conclusive.

5. Eligibility for Stock Options. Incentive Stock Options under the Plan may only be granted to such employees of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, as selected by the Committee. Non-Qualified Stock Options may be granted to employees or other persons providing services to the Company, excluding nonemployee directors who are considered "disinterested directors" pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act.

In selecting the employees or other persons to whom Stock Options shall be granted, as well as determining the number of shares subject to each Option, the Committee shall take into consideration such factors as it deems relevant in connection with accomplishing the purpose of the Plan. For any calendar year, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the Option Date) of the stock with respect to which any Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by any individual employee (under all Incentive Stock Option plans of the Company and all subsidiary corporations) shall not exceed \$100,000. Subject to the provisions of Section 3, an optionee who has been granted an Option may, if he or she is otherwise eligible, be granted an additional Option or Options if the Committee shall so determine. Any Incentive Stock Option that becomes exercisable and exceeds the above limitation shall be treated as a Non-Qualified Option.

No Stock Option may be granted under this Plan later than the expiration of ten (10) years from the Effective Date.

- 6. Terms and Conditions of Options. Whenever the Committee shall designate an Optionee, it shall communicate to the Secretary of the Company the name of the Optionee, the number of shares to be Optioned and such other terms and conditions as it shall determine, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Plan. The President or other officer of the Company shall then enter into an Option Agreement with the Optionee, complying with and subject to the following terms and conditions and setting forth such other terms and conditions of the Option as determined by the Committee:
 - (a) Number of shares and option price. The Option Agreement shall state the total number of shares to which it pertains. The price of Incentive Stock Option Stock shall be not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Fair Market Value of the Option Stock at the Option Date. In the event an Incentive Stock Option is granted to an employee, who, at the Option Date, owns more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of the Company's stock then outstanding, the price of the shares of Option Stock which will be covered by such Option shall be not less than one hundred ten percent (110%) of the Fair Market Value of the Option Stock at the Option Date. Non-Qualified Options may be granted at a price equal to, greater than or less than Fair Market Value at the date of grant. The Option price shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 7 hereof.
 - (b) Period of options and right to exercise. Options granted under this Plan shall be subject to such terms and conditions, shall be exercisable at such times and shall be evidenced by such form of written Option Agreement as the Committee shall determine, provided that for Incentive Stock Options, such determinations are not inconsistent with Code Section 422 and the regulations thereunder. 'The Option Agreement may, at the discretion of the Committee, provide for the acceleration of vesting of Options upon a "Change in Control" of the Company, as defined in Section 6(h) below.

In addition, no Option granted, shall by its terms, be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date such Option is granted. Except, however, Incentive Stock Options granted to any employee who at the Option Date owns more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all shares of the classes of Company's stock then outstanding, may not by its terms be exercisable after expiration of five (5) years from the Option Date. The period during which the Option may be exercised, once it is granted, shall not be reduced, except as provided

in paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) below. The exercise of any Option will be contingent upon receipt by the Company of payment as provided in paragraph (f) below for the full purchase price of such shares. No Optionee or his or her legal representatives, legatees or distributees, as the case may be, will be, or will be deemed to be, a holder of any shares subject to an Option unless and until certificates for such shares are issued under the terms of the Plan.

- (c) Termination of Employment or Service. In the event that an Optionee shall cease to be employed by or performing services for the Company for any reason other than death, subject to the condition that no Incentive Stock Option shall be exercisable after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date it is granted, and unless the Option Agreement provides otherwise, such Optionee shall have the right to exercise any outstanding Options at any time within three (3) months after the termination of employment or service.
- (d) Death of Optionee. If the Optionee shall die (i) while in the employ of or while providing services to the Company or any Subsidiary, or (ii) within a period of three (3) months after the termination of his or her employment or as a corporate director with the Company or any subsidiary as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, and in either case shall not have fully exercised his or her Options, any Options granted pursuant to the Plan shall be exercisable until the earlier of the originally stated date of termination or one year from the date of death. Such Option shall be exercised pursuant to subparagraph (f) of this Section by the person or persons to whom the Optionee's rights under the Option shall pass by the Optionee's will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and only to the extent that such Options were exercisable at the time of his or her death.
- (e) Transfer of Option. Each Option granted hereunder shall, by its terms, not be transferable by the Optionee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be, during the Optionee's lifetime, exercisable only by the Optionee. Except as permitted by the preceding sentence, each Option granted under the Plan and the rights and privileges thereby conferred shall not be transferred, assigned or pledged in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise), and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to so transfer, assign, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the Option, or of any right or privilege conferred thereby, contrary to the provisions of the Option or the Plan, or upon levy of any attachment or similar process upon such rights and privileges, the Option, and such rights and privileges, shall immediately become null and void.
- (f) Manner of Exercise of Options. An Option may be exercised, in whole or in part, at such time or times and with respect to such number of shares, as the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, shall determine at the time that the Option is granted. The Option terms shall be set forth in the Option Agreement granting the Option. Such Option shall be exercisable only within the Option period and only by (i) written notice to the Company of intent to exercise the Option with respect to a specified number of shares of stock; (ii) tendering the original Option Agreement to the Company; and (iii) payment to the Company of the amount of the Option purchase price for the number of shares of stock with respect to which the Option is then exercised. Payment of the Option purchase price may be made in cash, by cashier's check (by personal check at the discretion of the Company) or by a "cashless exercise" procedure established between the Company and a stock brokerage firm, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws. When shares of stock are issued to the Optionee pursuant to the exercise of an Option, the fact of such issuance shall be noted on the Option Agreement by the Company before the Agreement is returned to the Optionee. When all shares of Optioned stock covered by the Option Agreement have been issued to the Optionee, or the Option shall expire, the Option Agreement shall be canceled and retained by the Company.

- (g) Delivery of Certificate. As promptly as practicable after receipt of the written notice and payment specified above, the Company shall deliver to the Optionee certificates for the number of shares with respect to which the Option has been exercised, issued in the Optionee's name; provided, however, that such delivery shall be deemed effected for all purposes when the Company, or the stock transfer agent for the Company, shall have deposited such certificates in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Optionee at the address specified in the written notice of exercise.
- (h) Change in Control. A "Change in Control" shall, unless the Board otherwise directs by resolution adopted prior thereto, be deemed to occur if (i) any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended ("Exchange Act")) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting Capital Stock of the Company ("Voting Stock") or (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or the nomination for election by the Company's shareholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least three-quarters of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period. Any merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization in which the owners of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors prior to said combination, own 50% or more of the resulting entity's Voting Stock shall not, by itself, be considered a change in control for the purposes of this Plan.
- (i) Other Provisions. The Option Agreements authorized under this Section may contain such other provisions as the Committee shall deem advisable.
- 7. Adjustment of Number of Shares. If, and to the extent that, the number of issued shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall be increased or reduced by change in par value, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split up, distribution of a dividend payable in stock or the like, the number of shares subject to the Option and the Option price therefor shall be equitably adjusted by the Committee consistent with such change to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to or available to Optionees.

Subject to the foregoing, the grant of an Option pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure or to merge or to consolidate or to dissolve, liquidate or sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets.

- 8. No Rights as Stockholder. An Optionee shall not, by reason of any Option granted hereunder, have any right of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares covered by his or her Option until such shares shall have been issued to the Optionee.
- 9. No Obligation to Exercise Option. The granting of an Option shall impose no obligation upon the Optionee to exercise such Option. Neither shall the Plan confer upon the Optionee any rights respecting continued employment nor limit the Optionee's rights or the employer Company's rights to terminate such employment.

- 10. Withholding Taxes. Whenever under the Plan shares of Option Stock are to be issued upon exercise of a Non-Qualified Option granted hereunder and prior to the delivery of any certificates or certificates for said shares by the Company or if required by law, upon a disqualified disposition of an Incentive Stock Option, the Company shall have the right to require any Optionee that is or was an employee as of the Option Date, to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy any federal and state withholding or other employment taxes, if any, resulting from such option exercise or early disposition of Option Stock. Payment of such amount may be made in the same manner as payment of the exercise price or by tendering previously owned shares of the Company's Common Stock with a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to such amount, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.
- 11. Common Stock Acquired for Investment. Common Stock acquired by an Optionee under this Plan by exercise of any Option shall be acquired by the Optionee for investment and without intention of resale, unless, in the opinion of counsel of the Company, such common stock may be purchased without any investment representation. Where an investment representation is deemed necessary, the Committee may require a written representation to that effect by the Optionee as a condition of the Optionee exercising an Option under this Plan, and the Committee may place an appropriate legend on the common stock issued to the Optionee indicating that such common stock has not been registered under federal or state securities laws. Each Option shall be subject to the requirement that if, at any time, the Committee shall determine in its discretion that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares subject to such Option upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of such Option or the issuance or purchase of shares thereunder, then such Option shall not be granted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee. Nothing contained herein shall require the Company to register the Options or the shares of voting common stock purchased upon the exercise of said Options.
- 12. Effective Date. This Plan shall be effective November 18, 1993 (the "Effective Date") as approved by the Board of Directors, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company. The amendment increasing the number of shares available for grant under the Plan shall be effective February 26, 1998, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company However, unless within 12 months before or 12 months after the Plan is adopted by the Board of Directors, or the Plan is amended to increase the number of shares available for grant, the Plan or such amendment is approved by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding Capital Stock of the Company, the Plan or such amendment and options granted hereunder shall not qualify under Section 422 of the Code.
- 13. Liquidation. Upon the complete liquidation of the Company, any unexercised Options theretofore granted under this Plan shall be deemed canceled, except as otherwise provided in Section 7 in connection with a merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company.
- 14. Termination and Amendment of the Plan. This Plan shall terminate ten (10) years after the Effective Date or at such earlier time as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any termination shall not affect any Options then outstanding under the Plan. The Board may make such modifications of the Plan as it shall deem advisable, but may not, without further approval of the stockholders of the Company, except as provided in Section 7 hereof, (a) increase the number of shares reserved for Options under this Plan, (b) change the manner of determining the Option price for Incentive Stock Options, (c) increase the maximum term of the Options provided for herein or (d) change the class of persons eligible to receive Options under the Plan.

15. Governing law. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of South Dakota without reference to the principles of conflicts of law thereof.

DAKTRONICS, INC. 1993 OUTSIDE DIRECTORS STOCK OPTION PLAN AS AMENDED

I. PURPOSE OF PLAN

1.1 The purpose of the Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan (the "Plan") is to provide a means whereby Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") may grant options to purchase common stock of the Company to those members of the Company's Board of Directors who are not employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries ("Eligible Directors"). Options granted under the Plan are not intended to and do not qualify as incentive stock options as described in Section 422A of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

II. NUMBER OF SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE PLAN

2.1 Options will be granted by the Company at the times described below, to Eligible Directors to purchase an aggregate of up to 160,000 shares of common stock, without par value, of the Company (after giving effect to the 10-for-1 stock split authorized on the Common Stock on November 18, 1993) and 160,000 shares shall be reserved for options granted under the Plan (subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4.9 below). The shares issued upon exercise of options granted under the Plan may be authorized and unissued shares or reacquired shares held by the Company. If any option granted under the Plan shall terminate, expire or with the consent of the optionee, be canceled as to any shares, new options may thereafter be granted covering such shares without affecting the amount of the option reserve noted above.

III. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 The Plan shall be administered by a Committee consisting of the President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company who are not eligible to participate in the Plan (the "Committee"). Committee members shall have no discretion concerning the grant of options, the price at which options are to be granted or times at which options may be exercised.

The Committee may interpret the Plan, amend and rescind any rules and regulations necessary or appropriate for the administration of the Plan and make other determinations and take such other action as it deems necessary or advisable. No such action will affect the rights of Eligible Directors who have been granted options prior to such action. Any interpretation or other action made or taken by the Committee shall be final, binding and conclusive.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

4.1 Time of Grant and Form. Each option granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an option agreement which shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, for the following respective grants of options:

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- (a) Each Eligible Director of record on November 18, 1993 whose term expires at the 1994 annual meeting of shareholders shall receive a grant of options for the purchase of 1,000 shares of common stock of the Company effective November 18, 1993.
- (b) Each Eligible Director of record on November 18, 1993 whose term expires at the 1995 annual meeting of shareholders shall receive a grant of options for the purchase of 2,000 shares of common stock of the Company effective November 18, 1993.
- (c) Each Eligible Director of record on November 18, 1993 whose term expires at the 1996 annual meeting of shareholders shall receive a grant of options for the purchase of 3,000 shares of common stock of the Company effective November 18, 1993.
- (d) Each Eligible Director who is appointed, elected or re-elected to the Board of Directors on or after August 19, 1998, shall receive a grant of options for the purchase of shares of common stock of the Company, effective on the date of appointment, election or re-election to the Board in an amount

equal to 3,000 options for each year of the term of that person's directorship (i.e., 3,000 options for a one year term, or lesser period; 3,000 options for a two year term, or lesser period exceeding one year; or 9,000 options for a three year term, or lesser period exceeding two years).

The foregoing respective dates of grant are referred to herein as the "Grant Date." Notwithstanding the foregoing, if on the scheduled Grant Date, the President determines, in his discretion, that the Company is in possession of material, undisclosed information that would prevent the Company from issuing securities, then the grant of options to Eligible Directors pursuant to this Section 4.1 will be suspended until the third day after public dissemination of such information. The President may only suspend the grant; the amount and other terms of the grant will remain as set forth in the Plan, with the exercise price of the option to be determined in accordance with the Plan on the date the option is finally granted.

- 4.2 Exercisability. Subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, each option agreement dated prior to August 19, 1998 shall provide that the option will vest and become first exercisable annually in increments of 1,000 shares of Common Stock commencing on the first anniversary of the Grant Date. Subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, each option agreement date on or after August 19, 1998, shall provide that the option will vest and become first exercisable annually in increments of 3,000 shares of Common Stock commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date. If the Plan is not approved by the shareholders, all options granted under the Plan shall thereupon lapse.
- 4.3 Option Period. Subject to Sections 4.6 and 4.7 below, each option agreement shall provide that the option shall expire at the end of seven (7) years from the date granted or upon dissolution of the Company, if earlier.
- 4.4 Option Price. The exercise price per share for options granted under the Plan shall be the "Fair Market Value" (as defined herein) as of the Common Stock on the Grant Date. As used herein, "Fair Market Value" shall mean: (a) the average between the high and low reported sale prices for the Common Stock on the date of determination (or, if there were no such sales on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such sales) as reported on the

Composite Tape if the Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or on the National Association of Securities Dealers National Market System ("NMS"), (b) if the Common Stock is not then listed on the NYSE or the NMS, the average between the closing bid and asked price quotations for the Common Stock on that date (or if none on that date, on the next most recent date on which there were such quotations) as reported by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automatic Quotation System or any successor thereto or (c) if the Common Stock is not then listed as described above, such value as is reasonably determined by the Committee based on the then current fair market value of the Common Stock.

- 4.5 Payment of Option Price. The purchase price of the shares as to which an option shall be exercised shall be paid in cash, check, bank draft or money order made payable to the Company, or by a "cashless exercise" procedure established between the Company and a stock brokerage firm, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.
- 4.6 Exercise in the Event of Death or Ceasing to be a Board Member. Each option agreement shall be subject to the following:
 - (a) If an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company (other than by death or a "Change in Control" (as defined herein)), the options which are then exercisable (vested) may be exercised until seven (7) years from the date of grant, and shall thereafter lapse.
 - (b) If an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company because of death or a "Change in Control," all outstanding options, whether or not vested, shall immediately become exercisable until seven (7) years from the date of grant, and shall thereafter lapse.

Options that are not exercisable (not vested) as of the date an optionee ceases to be a director of the Company (other than by death or due to a Change in Control) shall immediately lapse on that date.

- 4.7 Change in Control. A "Change in Control" shall, unless the Board otherwise directs by resolution adopted prior thereto, be deemed to occur if (i) any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended ("Exchange Act")) is or becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the voting capital stock of the Company ("Voting Stock") or (ii) during any period of two consecutive years, individuals who at the beginning of such period constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority thereof, unless the election or the nomination for election by the Company's shareholders of each new director was approved by a vote of at least three-quarters of the directors then still in office who were directors at the beginning of the period. Any merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization in which the owners of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors prior to said combination, own 50% or more of the resulting entity's Voting Stock shall not, by itself, be considered a change in control for the purposes of this Plan.
- 4.8 Adjustment of Number of Shares. If, and to the extent that, the number of issued shares of the Capital Stock of the Company shall be increased or reduced by change in par value, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split up, distribution of a dividend payable in stock or the like, the number of shares subject to the option and the option price therefor shall be equitably adjusted by the Committee consistent with such change to prevent substantial dilution or enlargement of the rights granted to or available to optionees.

Subject to the foregoing, the grant of an option pursuant to the Plan shall not affect in any way the right or power of the Company to make adjustments, reclassifications, reorganizations, or changes of its capital or business structure or to merge or to consolidate or to dissolve, liquidate or sell, or transfer all or any part of its business or assets.

- 4.9 No Rights as Stockholder. An optionee shall not, by reason of any option granted hereunder, have any right of a stockholder of the Company with respect to the shares covered by his or her option until such shares shall have been issued to the optionee.
- 4.10 No Obligation to Exercise Option. The granting of an option shall impose no obligation upon the optionee to exercise such option. Neither shall the Plan confer upon the optionee any rights respecting continued directorship.
- 4.11 Withholding Taxes. Prior to the delivery of any certificates or certificates for shares issuable upon exercise of an option, the Company shall have the right to require any optionee to remit to the Company an amount sufficient to satisfy any federal and state withholding or other taxes, if any, resulting from such option exercise. Payment of such amount may be made in the same manner as payment of the exercise price or by tendering previously owned shares of the Company's Common Stock with a Fair Market Value (as defined herein) on the date of exercise equal to such amount, subject to compliance with applicable securities laws.
- 4.12 Common Stock Acquired for Investment. Common Stock acquired by an optionee under this Plan by exercise of any option shall be acquired by the optionee for investment and without intention of resale, unless, in the opinion of counsel of the Company, such common stock may be purchased without any investment representation. Where an investment representation is deemed necessary, the Committee may require a written representation to that effect by the optionee as a condition of the optionee exercising an option under this Plan, and the Committee may place an appropriate legend on the common stock issued to the optionee indicating that such common stock has not been registered under federal or state securities laws. Each option shall be subject to the requirement that if, at any time, the Committee shall determine in its discretion that the listing, registration or qualification of the shares subject to such option upon any securities exchange or under any state or federal law, or the consent or approval of any governmental regulatory body, is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of such option or the issuance or purchase of shares thereunder, then such option shall not be granted or exercised in whole or in part unless such listing, registration, qualification, consent or approval shall have been effected or obtained free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee. Nothing contained herein shall require the Company to register the options or the shares of voting common stock purchased upon the exercise of said options.
- 4.13 Liquidation. Upon the complete liquidation of the Company, any unexercised options theretofore granted under this Plan shall be deemed canceled, except as otherwise provided in the Plan in connection with a merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company.
- 4.14 Transfer of Option. Each option granted hereunder shall, by its terms, not be transferable by the optionee other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be, during the optionee's lifetime, exercisable only by the optionee. Except as permitted by the preceding sentence, each option granted under the Plan and the rights and privileges thereby conferred shall not be transferred, assigned or pledged in any way (whether by operation of law or otherwise), and shall not be

subject to execution, attachment or similar process. Upon any attempt to so transfer, assign, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the option, or of any right or privilege conferred thereby, contrary to the provisions of the option or the Plan, or upon levy of any attachment or similar process upon such rights and privileges, the option, and such rights and privileges, shall immediately become null and void.

- 4.15 Governing law. The Plan shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of South Dakota without reference to the principles of conflicts of law thereof.
- 4.16 Expiration Date. The Plan shall terminate November 17, 2003, or on such earlier date determined by the Board. Any termination shall not affect any options then outstanding under the Plan. No options may be granted after termination.

V. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

5.1 The Board may from time to time amend, suspend or discontinue the Plan provided that, subject to the provisions of Section 4.8 above, no action of the Board may permit the granting of any option at the option price less than that determined in accordance with Section 4.4 above; adjust or change the Grant Date determined under Section 4.1 above; or shorten the period provided for in Section 4.3 above. However, the Plan may not be amended more than once every six months other than to comport with changes in the Internal Revenue Code, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or the rules thereunder. Without the written consent of an optionee, no amendment or suspension of the Plan shall alter or impair any option previously granted to him or her under the Plan. The Board may, subject to limitations in the Plan, modify, extend or renew outstanding options granted under the Plan, or accept the surrender of outstanding options to the extent unexercised.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1 The Plan was adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company effective November 18, 1993, and its effectiveness is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company. The plan was amended effective August 19, 1998, and the effectiveness of the amendment is subject to approval by the shareholders of the Company.

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November 8th, 2001

Securities and Exchange Commission Judiciary Plaza 450 Fifth Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549

EXHIBIT 5.1

Daktronics, Inc. 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and the Daktronics, Inc. 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as

amended

Dear Sir/Madam:

In connection with the registration of 2,400,000 shares of Common Stock, without par value, of Daktronics, Inc. (the "Company") by the Registration Statement on Form S-8 reserved for issuance and sale pursuant to the Company's 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and the registration of 800,000 shares of Common Stock by the Company on Form S-8 reserved for issuance and sale pursuant to the Company's 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan (together, the "Plans"), we have examined such documents and records as we have deemed necessary to render the following opinion.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

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- (a) The Company has been duly incorporated under the laws of the State of South Dakota and is a validly organized and existing corporation, and has corporate authority to issue the shares of common stock referred to in the Registration Statement.
- (b) The 2,400,000 shares of Common Stock to be offered by the Company pursuant to the 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan, and the 800,000 shares of Common Stock to be offered by the Company pursuant to the 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, when issued and paid for upon the terms and in the manner set forth in the respective Plans and the agreements with persons who receive options under the Plans, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

HINSHAW & CULBERTSON

Robert A. Minish, Partner

EXHIBIT 23.1

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 pertaining to the Daktronics, Inc. 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, the 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, the 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan and the 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan of our reports dated June 21, 2001 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule II of Daktronics, Inc. included in or incorporated by reference in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended April 28, 2001.

McGLADREY & PULLEN, LLP

Sioux Falls, South Dakota November 6, 2001

EXHIBIT 24.1

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that DAKTRONICS, INC., a South Dakota corporation (the "Company"), and each of the undersigned directors of the Company, hereby constitutes and appoints James B. Morgan and William R. Retterath and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone) its/his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for it/him and on its/his behalf and its/his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities to sign, execute, affix its/his seal thereto and file one or more Registration Statements on Form S-8 or any other applicable form under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and amendments thereto, including pre-effective and post-effective amendments, with all exhibits and any and all documents required to be filed with respect thereto with any regulatory authority, relating to 2,400,000 shares to the Company's common stock, no par value, (the "Common Stock") reserved for issuance with respect to the Company's 1993 Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Incentive Stock Option Plan, and 800,000 shares of the Company's common stock, reserved for insurance with respect to the Company's 1993 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan, as amended, 2001 Outside Directors Stock Option Plan.

There is hereby granted to said attorneys, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in respect of the foregoing as fully as it/he or itself/himself might or could do if personally present, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument and any of the undersigned directors may execute this Power of Attorney by signing any such counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, DAKTRONICS, INC. has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed in its name by its Chief Financial Officer on the 8th day of November, 2001.

DAKTRONICS, INC.

Ву

William R. Retterath Chief Financial Officer

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The undersigned, directors of DAKTRONICS, INC., have hereunto set their hands as of the 8th day of November, 2001.

Signature 	Title 	Date
By James B. Morgan James B. Morgan	Chief Executive Officer & Director (principal executive officer)	November 8th, 2001
By William R. Retterath William R. Retterath	Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	November 8th, 2001
By Aelred J. Kurtenbach	Director Chairman of the Board	November 8th, 2001
By Roland J. Jensen	Director	November 8th, 2001

Ву	Director	November 8th, 2001
Frank J. Kurtenbach		
By John L. Mulligan	Director	November 8th, 2001
John E. Mulligan		
Charles S. Roberts	Director	November 8th, 2001
By Duane E. Sander	Director	November 8th, 2001
By Nancy D. Frame	Director	November 8th, 2001
Ву	Director	November 8th, 2001

James A. Vellenga