

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin ----- (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	39-2019963 ----- (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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555 Main Street Racine, Wisconsin ----- (Address of principal executive offices)	53403 ----- (Zip Code)
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Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan
(Full title of the plan)

Helen P. Johnson-Leipold
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Johnson Outdoors Inc.
555 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53403
(262) 631-6600

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A Common Stock, \$.05 par value	600,000 shares	\$13.97*	\$8,382,000*	\$678.10

* Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) of the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purposes of calculating the registration fee based on the average of the high and low prices of the Class A Common Stock as reported by the Nasdaq National Market on July 18, 2003.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document or documents containing the information specified in Part I are not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") as part of this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this "Registration Statement").

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), with the Commission are hereby incorporated herein by reference:

1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 2002, filed December 26, 2002.
2. All other reports filed since September 27, 2002 by the Company pursuant

to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), including (a) the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 24, 2003, filed July 24, 2003; (b) the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated July 17, 2003, filed July 18, 2003; (c) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 28, 2003, filed May 12, 2003; (d) the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 24, 2003, filed April 24, 2003; and (e) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended December 27, 2002, filed February 10, 2003.

3. The description of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share, contained in Item 1 of the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed September 25 1987 with the Commission, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of the filing of this Registration Statement and prior to such time as the Company files a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement that indicates that all securities offered under this Registration Statement have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part of this Registration Statement from the date of filing of such documents.

The Company has incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement its consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 28, 2001 (the "2001 Financial Statements") in reliance on the report of Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen"), independent public accountants, respecting the 2001 Financial Statements, which was given on the authority of Andersen as experts in auditing and accounting. Andersen has not consented to the inclusion of their report in this Registration Statement, and the Company has dispensed with the requirement to file Andersen's consent in reliance on Rule 437a under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Andersen's failure to deliver its consent may limit recovery by purchasers of securities under this Registration Statement on certain claims. In particular, and without limitation, Andersen's failure to deliver its consent limits the ability of a purchaser of securities under this Registration Statement to sue Andersen under Section 11(a)(4) of the Securities Act for any untrue statements of a material fact contained in the 2001 Financial Statements or any omissions of a material fact required to be stated in the 2001 Financial Statements.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Pursuant to the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law and the Company's Bylaws, directors and officers of the Company are entitled to mandatory indemnification from the Company against certain liabilities and expenses (i) to the extent such officers or directors are successful in the defense of a proceeding and (ii) in proceedings in which the director or officer is not successful in the defense thereof, unless it is determined that the director or officer breached or failed to perform his duties to the Company and such breach or failure constituted: (a) a willful failure to deal fairly with the Company or its shareholders in connection with a matter in which the director or officer had a material conflict of interest; (b) a violation of the criminal law, unless the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful; (c) a transaction from which the director or officer derived an improper personal profit; or (d) willful misconduct. The Wisconsin Business Corporation Law specifically states that it is the policy of Wisconsin to require or permit indemnification in connection with a proceeding involving securities regulation, as described therein, to the extent required or permitted as described above. Additionally, under the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law, directors of the Company are not subject to personal liability to the Company, its shareholders or any person asserting rights on behalf thereof for certain breaches or failures to perform any duty resulting solely from their status, except in circumstances paralleling those in subparagraphs (a) through (d) outlined above.

Expenses for the defense of any action for which indemnification may be available may be advanced by the Company under certain circumstances.

The indemnification provided by the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law and the Company's Bylaws is not exclusive of any other rights to which a director or officer of the Company may be entitled. The general effect of the foregoing provisions may be to reduce the circumstances in which an officer or director may be required to bear the economic burden of the foregoing liabilities and expenses.

The Company maintains a liability insurance policy for its directors and officers as permitted by Wisconsin law which may extend to, among other things, liability arising under the Securities Act.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The exhibits filed herewith or incorporated herein by reference are set forth in the attached Exhibit Index.

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;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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 this Registration Statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, 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, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, 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 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 Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities 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 Racine, State of Wisconsin, on July 25, 2003.

JOHNSON OUTDOORS INC.

By: /s/ Helen P. Johnson-Leipold

 Helen P. Johnson-Leipold
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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

Signature -----	Title -----	Date -----
/s/ Helen P. Johnson-Leipold ----- Helen P. Johnson-Leipold	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 25, 2003
* ----- Thomas F. Pyle, Jr.	Vice Chairman of the Board and Director	*
* ----- Samuel C. Johnson	Director	*
* ----- Gregory E. Lawton	Director	*
* ----- Terry E. London	Director	*
* ----- John M. Fahey, Jr.	Director	*
/s/ Paul A. Lehmann ----- Paul A. Lehmann	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	July 25, 2003

*By: /s/ Helen P. Johnson-Leipold

 Helen P. Johnson-Leipold, Attorney-in-fact
 Affixed as of July 25, 2003

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. -----	Exhibit -----
(4)	Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (filed as Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000 and incorporated herein by reference.)
(5)	Opinion of Foley & Lardner.
(23.1)	Consent of KPMG LLP.
(23.2)	Note Regarding Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP
(23.3)	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
(23.4)	Consent of Foley & Lardner (contained in Exhibit (5) hereto).
(24)	Powers of Attorney.

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July 25, 2003

CLIENT/MATTER NUMBER
033376-0109

Johnson Outdoors Inc.
555 Main Street
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration of 600,000 shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), that may be issued pursuant to the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan").

As counsel to the Company, we have examined: (i) the Registration Statement; (ii) the 2000 Plan and related documents; (iii) resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company relating to the 2000 Plan and the issuance of Class A Common Stock pursuant thereto; (iv) the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as amended to date; and (v) such other corporate proceedings, documents and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable us to render this opinion.

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

1. The Company is a corporation validly existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
2. The shares of Class A Common Stock that are subject to the Registration Statement, when issued and paid for in the manner provided in the 2000 Plan, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and no personal liability will attach to the ownership thereof, except with respect to wage claims of employees of the Company for services performed not to exceed six months' service in any one case, as provided in Section 180.0622(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Business Corporation Law.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to references to our firm therein. In giving our consent, we do not admit that we are "experts" within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act or within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Foley & Lardner

FOLEY & LARDNER

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	MADISON		TALLAHASSEE	

Consent of KPMG LLP

Shareholders and Board of Directors
Johnson Outdoors Inc.:

We consent to incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Johnson Outdoors Inc. of our report dated November 6, 2000, relating to the consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended September 29, 2000, which report appears in the 2002 Annual Report on Form 10-K of Johnson Outdoors Inc.

KPMG LLP

/s/ KPMG LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 24, 2003

Note Regarding Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP

Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), has incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (this "Registration Statement") its consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 28, 2001 (the "2001 Financial Statements") in reliance on the report of Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen"), independent public accountants, respecting the 2001 Financial Statements, which was given on the authority of Andersen as experts in auditing and accounting. Andersen has not consented to the inclusion of their report in this Registration Statement, and the Company has dispensed with the requirement to file Andersen's consent in reliance on Rule 437a under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Andersen's failure to deliver its consent may limit recovery by purchasers of securities under this Registration Statement on certain claims. In particular, and without limitation, Andersen's failure to deliver its consent limits the ability of a purchaser of securities under this Registration Statement to sue Andersen under Section 11(a)(4) of the Securities Act for any untrue statements of a material fact contained in the 2001 Financial Statements or any omissions of a material fact required to be stated in the 2001 Financial Statements.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the reference to our firm in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan of Johnson Outdoors Inc. and to the incorporation by reference therein of our report dated November 8, 2002, with respect to the 2002 consolidated financial statements of Johnson Outdoors Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended September 27, 2002, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 21, 2003

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I
Thomas F. Pyle, Jr.

hereby constitute and appoint Helen P. Johnson-Leipold and Paul A. Lehmann, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any amendments or supplements thereto, relating to the registration of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), and to file the Plan, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of February, 2003.

/s/ Thomas F. Pyle, Jr.

Thomas F. Pyle, Jr.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I
Samuel C. Johnson

hereby constitute and appoint Helen P. Johnson-Leipold and Paul A. Lehmann, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any amendments or supplements thereto, relating to the registration of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), and to file the Plan, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of February, 2003.

/s/ Samuel C. Johnson

Samuel C. Johnson

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I
Gregory E. Lawton

hereby constitute and appoint Helen P. Johnson-Leipold and Paul A. Lehmann, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any amendments or supplements thereto, relating to the registration of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), and to file the Plan, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of February, 2003.

/s/ Gregory E. Lawton

Gregory E. Lawton

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I
Terry E. London

hereby constitute and appoint Helen P. Johnson-Leipold and Paul A. Lehmann, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any amendments or supplements thereto, relating to the registration of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), and to file the Plan, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 28th day of February, 2003.

/s/ Terry E. London

Terry E. London

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, That I
John M. Fahey, Jr.

hereby constitute and appoint Helen P. Johnson-Leipold and Paul A. Lehmann, and each of them individually, my true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for me and in my name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign my name as a director of Johnson Outdoors Inc., a Wisconsin corporation (the "Company"), to the Registration Statement on Form S-8, and any amendments or supplements thereto, relating to the registration of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.05 per share (the "Shares"), issuable under the Johnson Outdoors Inc. 2000 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), and to file the Plan, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

I hereby ratify and confirm all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or each of them, have done or shall lawfully do by virtue of this Power of Attorney.

WITNESS my hand this 24th day of July, 2003.

/s/ John M. Fahey, Jr.

John M. Fahey, Jr.