

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the second twelve week accounting period ended June 14, 1997

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-6024

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE 38-1185150
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer Identification No.)
Incorporation or Organization)

9341 COURTLAND DRIVE, ROCKFORD, MICHIGAN 49351
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(616) 866-5500
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of the latest practicable date.

There were 42,804,785 shares of Common Stock, \$1 par value, outstanding as of July 25, 1997, of which 584,038 shares are held as Treasury Stock. The shares outstanding, excluding shares held in treasury, have been adjusted for the 3-for-2 stock split paid on May 23, 1997, on shares outstanding at the close of business on May 2, 1997.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	JUNE 14, 1997 (UNAUDITED)	DECEMBER 28, 1996 (AUDITED)	JUNE 15, 1996 (UNAUDITED)
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ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,979	\$ 8,534	\$ 8,444
Accounts receivable, less allowances June 14, 1997 - \$6,277			

December 28, 1996 - \$5,634			
June 15, 1996 - \$4,648	108,516	125,999	81,204
Inventories:			
Finished products	125,598	71,346	85,699
Raw materials and work in process	50,147	46,081	43,081
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	175,745	117,427	128,780
Other current assets	11,176	12,668	9,372
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	299,416	264,628	227,800
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT			
Gross cost	140,994	130,779	117,706
Less accumulated depreciation	70,270	67,776	65,473
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	70,724	63,003	52,233
OTHER ASSETS	37,326	33,967	28,450
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 407,466	\$361,598	\$ 308,483
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See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS - CONTINUED
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

	JUNE 14, 1997 (UNAUDITED)	DECEMBER 28, 1996 (AUDITED)	JUNE 15, 1996 (UNAUDITED)
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LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Notes payable to banks	\$ 3,566	\$ 1,026	\$ 2,969
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	57,606	68,708	39,034
Current maturities of long-term debt	54	76	73
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	61,226	69,810	42,076
LONG-TERM DEBT (less current maturities)	84,235	41,233	42,555
OTHER NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	10,129	11,263	10,370
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Common Stock - par value \$1, authorized 80,000,000 shares; shares issued (including shares in treasury):			
June 14, 1997 - 42,739,721 shares			
December 28, 1996 - 42,256,145 shares			
June 15, 1996 - 42,532,450	42,739	42,256	42,532
Additional paid-in capital	58,457	53,404	50,587
Retained earnings	163,711	153,475	130,945
Accumulated translation adjustments	(333)	79	(351)
Unearned compensation	(5,353)	(2,908)	(3,504)
Cost of shares in treasury:			
June 14, 1997 - 583,838 shares			
December 28, 1996 - 557,323 shares			
June 15, 1996 - 547,591 shares	(7,345)	(7,014)	(6,727)
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TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	251,876	239,292	213,482
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND			

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 407,466	\$ 361,598	\$ 308,483
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() - Denotes deduction.
See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS
OF OPERATIONS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
(UNAUDITED)

	12 WEEKS ENDED		24 WEEKS ENDED	
	JUNE 14, 1997	JUNE 15, 1996	JUNE 14, 1997	JUNE 15, 1996
NET SALES AND OTHER				
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 127,789	\$ 94,153	\$ 257,090	\$ 177,995
Cost of products sold	86,972	62,836	177,884	121,355
GROSS MARGIN	40,817	31,317	79,206	56,640
Selling and administrative expenses	28,681	23,162	59,339	43,651
OPERATING INCOME	12,136	8,155	19,867	12,989
OTHER EXPENSES (INCOME):				
Interest expense	1,286	833	2,263	1,459
Interest income	(123)	(149)	(291)	(556)
Other - net	145	(382)	159	(705)
	1,308	302	2,131	198
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES	10,828	7,853	17,736	12,791
Income taxes	3,460	2,420	5,675	3,965
NET EARNINGS	\$ 7,368	\$ 5,433	\$ 12,061	\$ 8,826
EARNINGS PER SHARE:				
Primary	\$.17	\$.13	\$.28	\$.21
Fully diluted	\$.17	\$.13	\$.28	\$.21
CASH DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	\$.0217	\$.0178	\$.0434	\$.0356
SHARES USED FOR NET EARNINGS PER SHARE COMPUTATION:				
Primary	43,542,526	42,667,869	43,436,539	42,496,710
Fully diluted	43,619,613	42,784,623	43,568,068	42,677,578

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)
(UNAUDITED)

	24 WEEKS ENDED	
	JUNE 14, 1997	JUNE 15, 1996
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net earnings	\$ 12,061	\$ 8,826
Depreciation, amortization and other non-cash items	1,327	(161)
Unearned compensation	575	356
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	17,483	12,676
Inventories	(58,318)	(31,275)

Other current assets	1,492	1,275
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	(11,102)	2,074
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NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(36,482)	(6,229)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	54,003	12,000
Payments of long-term borrowings	(11,023)	(50)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	2,540	630
Cash dividends	(1,825)	(1,474)
Proceeds from shares issued under employee stock plans	2,185	1,587
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NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	45,880	12,693
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of business product line		(22,750)
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(11,858)	(5,841)
Net (increase) decrease in notes receivable	(382)	3,796
Other	(1,713)	(313)
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NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(13,953)	(25,108)
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DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(4,555)	(18,644)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	8,534	27,088
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CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF SECOND ACCOUNTING PERIOD	\$ 3,979	\$ 8,444
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() - Denotes reduction in cash and cash equivalents.
See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 14, 1997

NOTE A - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for fair presentation have been included. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 1996. Certain amounts in 1996 have been reclassified to conform with the presentation used in 1997.

NOTE B - FLUCTUATIONS

The Company's sales are seasonal, particularly in its major divisions, The Hush Puppies Company, the Wolverine Footwear Group, the Caterpillar Footwear Group, the Wolverine Slipper Group and the Wolverine Leather Division. Seasonal sales patterns and the fact that the fourth quarter has sixteen or seventeen weeks as compared to twelve weeks in each of the first three quarters cause significant differences in sales and earnings from quarter to quarter. These differences, however, follow a consistent pattern each year.

NOTE C - COMMON STOCK

On April 17, 1997 and July 11, 1996, the Company announced 3-for-2 stock splits on shares outstanding on May 2, 1997 and July 26, 1996 and paid May 23, 1997 and August 16, 1996, respectively. All share and per share data have been retroactively adjusted for the increased shares resulting from the stock splits.

In February 1997, The Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 129, "Disclosure of Information about Capital Structure" ("FAS No. 129"). FAS No. 129 consolidates existing guidance relating to disclosure about a company's capital structure and will be effective for the Company's fiscal year ending January 3, 1998. The effect of adopting FAS No. 129 is not expected to have a material effect on previously reported amounts.

NOTE D - EARNINGS PER SHARE

Primary earnings per share are computed based on the weighted average shares of common stock outstanding during each period assuming that the stock splits described in Note C had been completed at the beginning of the earliest

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period presented. Common stock equivalents (stock options) are included in the computation of primary and fully diluted earnings per share.

In February 1997, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128, "Earnings Per Share" ("FAS No. 128"). FAS No. 128 changes the method for computing and presenting earnings per share and will be effective for the Company's fiscal year ending January 3, 1998. The effect of adopting FAS No. 128 is not expected to have a material effect on previously reported earnings per share amounts.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - COMPARISONS OF SECOND QUARTER AND YEAR-TO-DATE 1997 TO SECOND QUARTER AND YEAR-TO-DATE 1996

Second quarter net sales and other operating income of \$127.8 million for 1997 exceeded the 1996 level by \$33.6 million (a 35.7% increase), and 1997 year-to-date net sales of \$257.1 million compares to \$178.0 million recorded for the comparable period of 1996 (a 44.4% increase). All divisions recorded an increase in net sales and other operating income for the second quarter of 1997. The Wolverine Footwear Group accounted for \$7.0 million (19.2%) of the increase in quarterly net sales and other operating income and \$21.1 million (31.6%) of the year-to-date increase. The Caterpillar Footwear Group continued its strong growth rate showing a \$5.7 million (88.6%) increase over the 1996 second quarter net sales and other operating income and a \$10.7 million (77.6%) increase for year-to-date 1997 over year-to-date 1996. The Hush Puppies Company, excluding Hush Puppies UK, Ltd., recorded a net sales and other operating income increase of \$2.6 million (7.1%) for second quarter 1997 and a \$12.8 million (18.4%) increase for year-to-date 1997. Hush Puppies UK Ltd. reported \$11.7 million in net sales for the second quarter of 1997. The Hush Puppies UK Ltd. results of operations were first included in the fourth quarter of 1996. The Wolverine Leather Division recognized a \$5.3 million (87.7%) increase in net sales and other operating income for the second quarter of 1997 and a \$9.9 million (93.3%) improvement for the year-to-date 1997. The Hush Puppies Retail Division net sales and other operating income was up \$1.3 million or 19.4% for the second quarter and \$2.3 million or 19.6% for the year-to-date 1997. The Wolverine Slipper Group showed improvement with increased net sales and other operating income of \$2.2 million for the quarter and recorded a decrease in net sales and other operating income for the year-to-date 1997 of \$1.3 million.

Year-to-date net sales and other operating income for The Hush Puppies Wholesale Division increased \$8.9 million or 18.1% over the 1996 level. The Hush Puppies Wholesale Division growth continues to be fueled by expanded distribution to major U.S. retailers. Net sales and other operating income for the Hush Puppies International Division increased \$0.6 million or 11.8% year-to-date 1997 over the respective period of 1996. Despite the sluggish

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retail market, the Hush Puppies Retail Division's net sales and other operating income increased \$2.3 million (19.6%) year-to-date as strong product offerings helped boost sales. Hush Puppies UK Ltd. performed in line with expectations reporting \$26.4 million in net sales for year-to-date 1997. The Hush Puppies UK Ltd. operations were first included in the fourth quarter of 1996.

The Wolverine Footwear Group reported a 1997 year-to-date increase in net sales and other operating income of \$21.1 million or 31.6% over the respective period of 1996. The DuraShocks SR<Trademark> product continued to be strong, helping Wolverine Brand Division report a \$10.0 million (21.1%) increase in net sales and other operating income. Hy-Test reported a \$0.3 million increase in net sales and other operating income for the second quarter of 1997. Bates Division net sales increased \$1.5 million or 12.8% year-to-date 1997 as compared to year-to-date 1996 reflecting penetration

into military and export markets.

The Caterpillar Footwear Group recognized a \$10.7 million or 77.6% increase for year-to-date 1997 as compared to year-to-date 1996. Continued establishment of the domestic wholesale business and exceptional brand appeal around the world continue to drive this business.

The Wolverine Slipper Group is showing improvement with an increase in net sales and other operating income of \$2.2 million over the second quarter 1996 and a decrease of \$1.3 million year-to-date 1997 as compared to the same period of 1996. The branded slipper initiatives continue to perform consistent with the Company's plan as retail sell through has been good.

The Wolverine Leathers Division boasted a \$9.8 million (91.7%) net sales and other operating income increase over year-to-date 1996 with licensee and domestic accounts both contributing to the increase. Strong demand for performance leather and sueded products continue to drive the volume increases.

Gross margin as a percentage of net sales and other operating income for the second quarter of 1997 was 31.9% compared to 33.3% for the second quarter of 1996. Year-to-date gross margin of 30.8% for 1997 compared to 31.8% for the same period in 1996. The decline in gross margin was primarily a result of a planned change in business mix. The addition of Hush Puppies UK Ltd., and significant growth of the Wolverine Leathers Division (\$1.9 million gross margin increase), both of which operate at lower gross margin levels, had a dilutive impact on the Company's gross margin. Improved margins of 5.5 percentage points were recognized in the Hush Puppies Wholesale Division through improved initial pricing margins, increased licensing revenues and manufacturing and sourcing efficiencies. The Hush Puppies Retail Division reported a 2.4 percentage point increase in gross margin. The Wolverine Footwear Group's gross margin remained relatively flat. The Wolverine Leather Division gross margin level remains in line with recent history which approximates 20.0%.

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Selling and administrative expenses of \$28.7 million for the second quarter of 1997 increased \$5.5 million over the 1996 second quarter level of \$23.2 million and as a percentage of net sales and other operating income decreased to 22.4% in the second quarter of 1997 from 24.6% in the second quarter of 1996. Year-to-date selling and administrative expenses for 1997 of \$59.3 million increased \$15.6 million over the \$43.7 million year-to-date level for 1996 and as a percentage of net sales and other operating income decreased to 23.1% for the year-to-date 1997 from 24.5% in 1996. Investments in branded marketing initiatives, information system upgrades and costs associated with fringe benefit and retirement programs all contributed to the increase. If the acquisitions of Hy-Test, Inc. and Hush Puppies UK Ltd. are eliminated, selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales and other operating income would have been 23.7% for the second quarter of 1997 and 24.5% year-to-date.

Interest expense for the second quarter of 1997 was \$1.3 million, compared to \$0.8 million for the same period of 1996. Year-to-date interest expense for 1997 and 1996 was \$2.3 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. The increase in interest expense for the second quarter and year-to-date 1997 as compared to 1996 reflects an increase in borrowings over the 1996 level resulting from the 1996 acquisitions and working capital requirements.

The 1997 effective income tax rate of 32.0% increased from 31.0% in 1996. The effective tax rate increased as the non-taxable net earnings of foreign subsidiaries became a smaller percentage of total consolidated earnings in 1997 as compared to 1996.

Net earnings of \$7.4 million for the twelve weeks ended June 14, 1997 compared favorably to earnings of \$5.4 million for the respective period of 1996 (a 35.6% increase). Year-to-date net earnings of \$21.1 million in 1997 compared with earnings of \$8.8 million for the same period of 1996 (a 36.7% increase). Earnings per share of \$0.17 post split for the second quarter 1997 compares to \$0.13 post split for the same period of 1996. Year-to-date earnings per share of \$0.28 post split compare to \$0.21 post split for the same period of 1996. Increased earnings are primarily a result of the items noted above.

FINANCIAL CONDITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Net cash used by operating activities was \$36.5 million in 1997 compared to \$6.2 million in 1996. Cash of \$50.4 million for 1997 and \$15.3 million for 1996 was used to fund working capital requirements. Accounts receivable of \$108.5 million at June 14, 1997 reflect an increase of \$27.3 million (33.6%) over the balance at June 15, 1996 and decreased \$17.5 million (13.9%) from the December 28, 1996 balance. Inventories of \$175.7 million at June 14, 1997 reflect increases of \$47.0 million (36.5%) and \$58.3 million (49.7%) over the balances at June 15, 1996 and December 28, 1996, respectively. A portion of the increase in accounts receivable and inventories was due to the 1996 acquisitions of the assets of Hy-Test, Inc.

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from The Florsheim Shoe Company and Hush Puppies UK Ltd., which on a combined basis contributed 33.2% and 37.0% of the respective accounts receivable and inventory increases from June 15, 1996. On a comparable basis, accounts receivable and inventories at June 14, 1997 increased 35.7% and 29.6%, respectively, over the amounts at December 28, 1996, which compares to a year-to-date increase of 23.6% in net sales and other operating income. Order backlog was approximately 29% higher at June 14, 1997, when compared to the previous years' second quarter, supporting the need for increased inventories to meet anticipated future demand in both wholesale and manufacturing operations. Accounts payable of \$57.6 million at June 14, 1997 reflect a \$18.6 million (47.6%) increase over the \$39.0 million balance at June 15, 1996 and a \$11.1 million (16.2%) decrease over the \$68.7 million balance at December 28, 1996.

Other current assets of \$11.2 million at June 14, 1997 compares to \$9.4 million at June 15, 1996. The change in deferred taxes accounts for \$.8 million of this difference.

Additions to property, plant and equipment of \$11.9 million in the second quarter of 1997 compares to \$5.8 million reported during the same period in 1996. The majority of these expenditures are related to the construction of a new corporate business center, modernization of existing corporate buildings, expansion of warehouse facilities and purchases of manufacturing equipment necessary to continue to upgrade the Company's footwear and leather manufacturing facilities. Depreciation and amortization of \$4.7 million in the first half of 1997 compares to \$2.9 million in the first half of 1996. This increase was a result of the capital investments noted above and the amortization of goodwill related to the two 1996 acquisitions.

The Company maintains short-term borrowing and commercial letter-of-credit facilities of \$84.7 million, of which \$38.5 million, \$28.5 million and \$13.9 million were outstanding at June 14, 1997, December 28, 1996 and June 15, 1996, respectively. Long-term debt, excluding current maturities, of \$84.2 million at June 14, 1997 compares to \$42.6 million and \$41.2 million at June 15, 1996 and December 28, 1996, respectively. The increase since December 28, 1996 was a result of the seasonal working capital requirements of the Company.

It is expected that continued growth of the Company will require increases in capital funding over the next several years. In the fourth quarter of 1996, the Company renegotiated its long-term revolving debt agreement and increased the amount available under its credit facilities. The combination of cash flows from operations and available credit facilities are expected to be sufficient to meet future capital needs.

The 1997 second quarter dividend declared of \$.0217 per share (post split) of common stock represents approximately a 21.9% increase over the \$.0178 per share (post split) declared for the second quarter of 1996. The

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second quarter 1997 dividend is payable August 1, 1997 to stockholders of record on July 1, 1997. Additionally, shares issued under stock incentive plans provided cash of \$2.2 million in 1997 compared to \$1.6 million in 1996.

During 1996, the Company completed two acquisitions. The Company purchased the work, safety and occupational footwear business of Hy-Test, Inc. from The Florsheim Shoe Company and the rights to and certain assets of the Hush Puppies wholesale shoe business in the United Kingdom and Ireland from British Shoe Corporation, a subsidiary of Sears Plc. The combined purchase

price of these acquisitions was \$31.5 million, of which \$29.2 million was paid in cash in 1996. The Company has an active program to evaluate strategic business acquisitions on a global basis and may, from time to time, make additional acquisitions.

The current ratio at June 14, 1997 was 4.9 to 1.0 in 1997 compared with 5.4 to 1.0 in 1996. The Company's total debt to total capital ratio increased to .26 to 1.0 in 1997 from .18 to 1.0 in 1996.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 2. CHANGES IN SECURITIES.

On April 16, 1997, the Company held its 1997 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. At the meeting, the stockholders voted to approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the Company's authorized capital from 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share ("Common Stock"), to 80,000,000 shares of Common Stock.

All of the additional shares resulting from the increase in the Company's authorized Common Stock are of the same class, with the same dividend, voting and liquidation rights, as shares of Common Stock previously outstanding. The Company's authorized capital also includes 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock, none of which is currently outstanding.

The newly authorized shares of Common Stock are unreserved and available for issuance. No further stockholder authorization is required prior to the issuance of such shares by the Company. Stockholders have no preemptive rights to acquire shares issued by the Company under its Certificate of Incorporation, and stockholders did not acquire any such rights with respect to such additional shares of Common Stock under the amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. Under some circumstances, the issuance of additional shares of Common Stock could dilute the voting rights, equity and earnings per share of existing stockholders.

ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

On April 16, 1997, the Company held its 1997 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The purposes of the meeting were: to elect four directors

for three-year terms expiring in 2000; to consider and approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the amount of authorized capital from 40,000,000 shares of Common Stock to 80,000,000 shares of Common Stock; to consider and approve the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan; to consider and approve the Executive Short-Term Incentive Plan (Annual Bonus Plan); to consider and approve the Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan (3-Year Bonus Plan); and to consider and ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent auditors for the current fiscal year.

Four candidates nominated by management were elected by the stockholders to serve as Directors of the Company at the meeting. The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to each candidate:

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NAME OF CANDIDATE -----		SHARES VOTED -----
Alberto L. Grimoldi	For	24,134,053
	Authority Withheld	98,695
	Broker Non-Votes	0
Joseph A. Parini	For	24,131,025
	Authority Withheld	101,723
	Broker Non-Votes	0
Joan Parker	For	24,133,542
	Authority Withheld	99,206
	Broker Non-Votes	0
Elizabeth A. Sanders	For	24,134,740
	Authority Withheld	98,008
	Broker Non-Votes	0

The following persons remained as directors of the Company with terms expiring in 1998: Geoffrey B. Bloom, David T. Kollat, David P. Mehney and Timothy J. O'Donovan. The following persons remained as directors of the Company with terms expiring in 1999: Daniel T. Carroll and Phillip D. Matthews.

The stockholders also voted to approve the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the amount of authorized capital stock as described in Item 2 of Part II of this Report on Form 10-Q. The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to that matter:

	SHARES VOTED -----
For	22,776,814
Against	1,429,804
Abstentions	26,131
Broker Non-votes	0

The stockholders also voted to approve the 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to that matter:

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SHARES VOTED

For	19,729,726
Against	4,461,796
Abstentions	41,226
Broker Non-Votes	0

The stockholders also voted to approve the Executive Short-Term Incentive Plan (Annual Bonus Plan). The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to that matter:

SHARES VOTED

For	23,842,358
Against	343,256
Abstentions	47,134
Broker Non-Votes	0

The stockholders also voted to approve the Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan (3-Year Bonus Plan). The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to that matter:

SHARES VOTED

For	23,849,191
Against	336,565
Abstentions	46,992
Broker Non-Votes	0

The stockholders also voted to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP by the Board of Directors as independent auditors of the Company for the current fiscal year. The following sets forth the results of the voting with respect to that matter:

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SHARES VOTED

For	24,173,899
Against	20,833
Abstentions	38,016
Broker Non-votes	0

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K.

(a) EXHIBITS. The following documents are filed as exhibits to this Report on Form 10-Q:

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DOCUMENT
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended.
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws. Previously filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 1995. Here incorporated by

reference.

- 4.1 Certificate of Incorporation, as amended. See Exhibit 3.1 above.
- 4.2 Rights Agreement dated as of April 17, 1997. Previously filed with the Company's Form 8-A filed April 12, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.3 Credit Agreement dated as of October 11, 1996 with NBD Bank, NA as Agent. Previously filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 1996. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.4 Note Agreement dated as of August 1, 1994 relating to 7.81% Senior Notes. Previously filed as Exhibit 4(d) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 10, 1994. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.5 The Registrant has several classes of long-term debt instruments outstanding in addition to that described in Exhibits 4.3 and 4.4 above. The amount of none of these classes of debt outstanding on June 14, 1997 exceeded 10% of the Company's total consolidated assets. The Company agrees

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to furnish copies of any agreement defining the rights of holders of any such long-term indebtedness to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

- 10.1 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. Previously filed as Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 16, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
- 10.2 Executive Short-Term Incentive Plan (Annual Bonus Plan). Previously filed as Appendix B to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 16, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
- 10.3 Executive Long-Term Incentive Plan (3-Year Bonus Plan). Previously filed as Appendix C to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 16, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
- 27 Financial Data Schedule.

(b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K. The Company filed a report on Form 8-K on April 22, 1997 to report under Item 5, "Other Events," that on April 16, 1997, the Board of Directors of the Company declared a dividend of one and one-half (1.5) Rights for each outstanding share of the Company's common stock (the "Common Stock") outstanding on May 8, 1997. After the payment of the Company's 3 for 2 stock split paid on May 23, 1997, one Right is associated with each outstanding share of Common Stock. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock, \$1.00 par value per share, at a price of \$120 per Unit, subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events specified in the Rights Agreement filed as Exhibit 4.2 to this report on Form 10-Q.

SIGNATURES

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

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC.
AND SUBSIDIARIES

JULY 29, 1997
Date

/S/STEPHEN L. GULIS, JR.
Stephen L. Gulis, Jr.
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer (Duly Authorized
Signatory for Registrant and Principal Financial
Officer and Duly Authorized Signatory for
Registrant)

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DOCUMENT
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended.
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws. Previously filed as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 30, 1995. Here incorporated by reference.
4.1	Certificate of Incorporation, as amended. See Exhibit 3.1 above.

- 4.2 Rights Agreement dated as of April 17, 1997. Previously filed with the Company's Form 8-A filed April 12, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.3 Credit Agreement dated as of October 11, 1996 with NBD Bank, NA as Agent. Previously filed as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 1996. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.4 Note Agreement dated as of August 1, 1994 relating to 7.81% Senior Notes. Previously filed as Exhibit 4(d) to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 10, 1994. Here incorporated by reference.
- 4.5 The Registrant has several classes of long-term debt instruments outstanding in addition to that described in Exhibits 4.3 and 4.4 above. The amount of none of these classes of debt outstanding on June 14, 1997 exceeded 10% of the Company's total consolidated assets. The Company agrees to furnish copies of any agreement defining the rights of holders of any such long-term indebtedness to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.
- 10.1 1997 Stock Incentive Plan. Previously filed as Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 16, 1997. Here incorporated by reference.
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EXHIBIT 3.1

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC.

FIRST. The name of the corporation is

WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC.

SECOND. The address of its registered office in the State of Delaware is No. 100 West Tenth Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

THIRD. The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted by the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which the corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended from time to time.

FOURTH. The total number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue and have outstanding is Eighty-Two Million (82,000,000) shares, of which Two Million (2,000,000) shares shall be Preferred Stock, par value One Dollar (\$1) per share, and Eighty Million (80,000,000) shares shall be Common Stock, par value One Dollar (\$1) per share.

The Board of Directors is authorized to cause Preferred Stock, \$1 par value, to be issued from time to time in one or more series, with such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such designations, provisions, and relative, participating, preferential or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such stock adopted by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt such resolution or resolutions and issue such stock from time to time as may seem desirable.

The authorized shares of Common Stock of the par value of \$1 per share are all of one class with equal voting powers, and each such share shall be equal to every other such share.

FIFTH. The name and mailing address of the Incorporator are as follows:

Name	Mailing Address
B. J. Consono	100 West Tenth Street Wilmington, Delaware

SIXTH. The name and mailing address of each person who is to serve as a director until the first annual meeting of the stockholders or until a successor is elected and qualified, are as follows:

Name	Mailing Address
Ray R. Eppert	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
E. Vincent Erickson	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
C. Robert Evenson	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341

Gordon C. Krause	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
Jack A. Krause	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
Richard H. Krause	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
Louis J. Schaefer	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
Dr. Alfred L. Seelye	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341
J. Austen Wood	9341 Courtland Drive, N.E. Rockford, Michigan 49341

Subsequent elections of directors need not be by ballot unless the By-Laws of the corporation shall so provide.

SEVENTH. The corporation is to have perpetual existence.

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EIGHTH. The Board of Directors shall have the power, at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Board:

To make, alter or repeal the By-Laws of the corporation.

To authorize and cause to be executed mortgages and liens upon the real and personal property of the corporation.

To set apart out of any of the funds of the corporation available for dividends a reserve or reserves for any proper purpose and to abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

To designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of two or more of the directors of the corporation, which, to the extent provided in the resolution or in the By-Laws of the corporation, shall have and may exercise the powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers which may require it. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be stated in the By-Laws of the corporation or as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors.

NINTH. (a) Any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, may be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. The termination of any action, suit or proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction, or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner which he reasonably believed to be in

or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

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(b) Any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise may be indemnified by the corporation against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duty to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application, that despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or such other court shall deem proper.

(c) Any indemnification under subsections (a) and (b) of this section (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. Such determination shall be made (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding, or (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel (who may be the regular counsel of the corporation) in a written opinion, or (3) by the stockholders.

(d) To the extent that a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of this section, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith.

(e) Expenses incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in the manner provided in subsection (c) upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director, officer, employee or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that he is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation as authorized in this section.

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(f) The indemnification provided by this section shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any By-Law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested director or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(g) The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising

out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of this section.

TENTH. No director of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty by such director as a director; provided however, that this Article TENTH shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholder, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under section 174 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. No amendment to or repeal of this Article TENTH shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of the corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

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<LEGEND> THIS SCHEDULE CONTAINS SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF WOLVERINE WORLD WIDE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 14, 1997 AND IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO SUCH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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