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ASTRONICS CORPORATION

1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the 1996 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at the Orchard Park County Club, S-4777 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York, at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 1995. The doors will open at 9:30 a.m.

Your vote is important. To be sure your shares are voted at the meeting, even if you are unable to attend in person, please sign and return the enclosed proxy card(s) as promptly as possible. This will not prevent you from voting your shares in person if you do attend.

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held to consider and take action with regard to the election of five directors and the approval of the selection of the Company's auditors.

Complete details are included in the accompanying proxy statement.

I look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views on the progress of Astronics.

Kevin T. Keane
President and
Chief Executive Officer

Buffalo, New York
March 22, 1996

ASTRONICS CORPORATION

1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASTRONICS CORPORATION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Astronics Corporation will be held at the Orchard Park Country Club, S-4777 South Buffalo Street, Orchard Park, New York, on Friday, April 26, 1995, at 10:00 a.m., to consider and take action with regard to the following:

1. The election of five directors of the Company to serve for the ensuing year and until the next Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the election and qualification of their successors.
2. The selection of Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants, as auditors of the Company for the current fiscal year.
3. The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the stock transfer books of the Company will not be closed, but only shareholders of record at the close of business on March 8, 1996 will be entitled to notice of the meeting and to vote at the meeting.

SHAREHOLDERS WHO WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON MAY ATTEND THE MEETING BY PROXY. SUCH SHAREHOLDERS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD(S) IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE ENCLOSED.

By Order of the Board of Directors

JOHN B. DRENNING, Secretary

Dated: March 22, 1996

ASTRONICS CORPORATION

1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207

PROXY STATEMENT
FOR
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
April 26, 1996

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of ASTRONICS CORPORATION ("Astronics" or the "Company") of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on Friday, April 26, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., and at any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. In addition to solicitation by mail, solicitations may be made by personal interview, telephone or telegram by officers and other regular employees of the Company. The cost of this proxy solicitation will be borne by the Company. It is contemplated that this Proxy Statement will be first sent to shareholders on March 22, 1996.

If the enclosed proxy is properly executed and returned, the shares represented thereby will be voted in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by the shareholder at any time prior to its use, by the shareholder voting in person at the meeting, by submitting a proxy bearing a date subsequent to the date on the proxy to be revoked or by written notice to the Secretary of the Company.

RECORD DATE AND VOTING SECURITIES

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 8, 1996 as the record date for determining the holders of Common Stock and Class B Stock entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. On March 8, 1996, Astronics had outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting a total of 3,082,979 shares of Common Stock and 763,759 shares of Class B Stock. Each outstanding share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote and each outstanding share of Class B Stock is entitled to ten votes on all matters to be brought before the meeting.

Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the transaction of business. With regard to the election of directors, votes may be cast in favor of or withheld; votes that are withheld will be excluded entirely from the vote and will have no effect. Abstentions may be specified on proposals other than the election of directors. In accordance with New York law, such abstentions are not counted in determining the number of votes cast in connection with the appointment of independent auditors. Under applicable law, broker non-votes are counted for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but are not counted for purposes of determining the votes cast on a proposal.

The following table sets forth information concerning the only persons known to the Company to own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock or Class B Stock and the number of shares and percentage of each class beneficially owned by each of the three highest paid officers or directors of the Company and by all officers and directors as a group as of March 8, 1996:

Name and Address of Owner (1)	Shares of Common Stock		Shares of Class B Common Stock	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Guy P. Berner (2)	19,540	.6%	2,135	.3%
Robert T. Brady (2)(3)	1,660	.1%	---	---
John B. Drenning (2)(4)	17,601	.6%	15,025	2.0%
Richard E. Hauck (2)	29,898	1.0%	3,147	.4%
Kevin T. Keane (2)(5)	277,769	9.0%	270,873	35.5%

Name and Address of Owner (1)	Shares of Common Stock		Shares of Class B Common Stock	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
John M. Yessa (2)(6)	78,745	2.6%	58,697	7.7%
Wilten Management (7)	325,800	10.6%	---	---

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All directors and
 executive officers
 as a group (6 persons)

(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	424,213	13.8%	349,877	45.8%
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- (1) The address for all owners except Wilen Management is c/o Astronics Corporation, 1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207.
- (2) Does not include 28,462, 39,562, 45,562, 40,000, 20,000 and 77,500 shares of Common Stock and 5,250, 0, 5,250, 4,375, 0 and 6,563 shares of Class B Stock which could be acquired by Messrs. Berner, Brady, Drenning, Hauck, Keane and Yessa, respectively, through the exercise within sixty days of options granted under the 1992 Incentive Stock Option Plan, the 1982 Incentive Stock Option Plan, or by directors under the 1993 Director Stock Option Plan or the 1983 Director Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Includes 1,660 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Brady's wife, as to which he disclaims beneficial ownership.
- (4) Does not include a total of 1,562 shares of Common Stock and 1,364 shares of Class B Stock which Mr. Drenning may vote pursuant to inter vivos and charitable trusts established by Mr. Keane.
- (5) Does not include 2,938 shares of Common Stock and 2,190 shares of Class B Stock owned by Mr. Keane's wife.
- (6) Includes 2,000 shares of Common Stock and 500 shares of Class B Stock owned by the Yessa Family Partnership, over which Mr. Yessa exercises investment and dispositive power.
- (7) Wilen Management Corporation has reported that it has sole voting power and share dispositive power.

During 1995, no director or executive officer failed to timely file beneficial ownership reports under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Five directors of Astronics are to be elected to hold office until the election and qualification of their successors at the next annual meeting. Unless the proxy directs otherwise, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will vote for the election of the five nominees named below. If any of the nominees should be unable to serve as a director, or for good reason will not serve, the proxy will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the person or persons acting under it. It is not anticipated that any of the nominees will be unable to serve.

All nominees have been members of the Board since the date indicated. The nominees for directors, their ages, their principal occupations during at least the past five years, their positions and offices with Astronics and the date each was first elected a director of Astronics are as follows:

Name and Age of Nominee	Principal Occupation and Positions and Offices with Astronics	First Elected Director
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Guy P. Berner Director; Executive Compensation,
Age 77 Audit and Profit Sharing Investment
Committees of the Board of Directors.
Financial and investment consultant,
Buffalo, New York. 1978

Robert T. Brady Director; Executive Compensation and
Age 55 Audit Committees of the Board of
Directors.
Chairman of the Board, President and
Chief Executive Officer of Moog Inc. 1990

John B. Drenning Secretary and Director; Executive
Age 58 Compensation and Audit Committees
of the Board of Directors.
Partner in Phillips, Lytle, Hitchcock,
Blaine & Huber, Attorneys for the
Company, Buffalo, New York. 1970

Kevin T. Keane President, Chief Executive Officer,
Age 63 and Director; Profit Sharing
Investment Committee of the Board
of Directors. 1970

John M. Yessa Vice President-Finance,
Age 56 Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer,
and Director; Profit Sharing
Investment Committee of the Board
of Directors. 1985

OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS

In addition to serving as a member of the Astronics Board of Directors, Robert T. Brady is presently serving on the boards of directors of other publicly-traded companies, as follows: Moog Inc., Seneca Foods Corporation, First Empire State Corporation and Acme Electric Corporation.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following tabulation shows on an accrual basis, the compensation for the three fiscal years ended December 31, 1995, received by the three highest paid executive officers of the Company who received more than \$100,000:

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Annual Compensation				
	Year	Salary \$	Bonus \$	Securities Underlying Options(#)	All Other Compensation (1) (\$)
Kevin T. Keane	1995	203,500	86,000	4,000	24,541
	1994	185,000	74,800	4,000	19,722
	1993	177,000	68,000	4,000	12,400
John M. Yessa	1995	149,600	57,000	4,000	16,155
	1994	136,000	49,500	4,000	15,411
	1993	130,000	45,000	4,000	10,965
Richard E. Hauck	1995	106,090	25,000	4,000	10,476
	1994	103,000	14,576	4,000	9,827
	1993	98,000	22,656	4,000	6,270

(1) Represents amounts accrued under the Company's Thrift and

Profit Sharing Retirement Plan.

Messrs. Keane and Yessa have employment agreements with the Company which provide death benefits equivalent to 3-1/2 years' salary. The Company reimbursed certain officers for business-related use of automobiles, hotel accommodations, memberships in trade associations and professional organizations and club dues. The portion of these reimbursed expenses which could be considered to confer a personal benefit for each individual named above did not in the aggregate exceed the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of total annual salary and bonus.

On December 28, 1995, options to purchase the number of shares of Common Stock set forth in the following table were granted to Kevin T. Keane, John M. Yessa and Richard Hauck:

OPTION GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR
(Individual Grants)

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted (#)	Percent of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year	Exercise Price (\$/Sh)	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation For Option Term	Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation For Option Term	
					Expiration Date	5% (\$)
Kevin T. Keane	4,000	10.8%	\$3.85	2000	\$19,655	\$24,802
John M. Yessa	4,000	10.8%	3.50	2005	22,805	36,312
Richard E. Hauck	4,000	10.8%	3.50	2005	22,805	36,312

The following table provides information as to the value of each such executive officer's unexercised options at December 31, 1995. No options were exercised by any executive officers in 1995.

FISCAL YEAR END OPTION VALUES

Name	Number of Unexercised Options at Year End (#)		Value of Options at Year-End \$(1)	
	Exercisable	Unexercisable	Exercisable	Unexercisable
Kevin T. Keane	8,000	12,000	28,000	42,000
John M. Yessa	72,063	12,000	252,221	42,000
Richard E. Hauck	32,375	12,000	113,313	42,000

(1) Based upon the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the NASDAQ National Market System on December 31, 1995 of \$3.50 per share.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

As reported in the 1995 proxy statement, in January 1995, the Company's Board of Directors authorized an equity investment of \$200,000 in a newly-formed French company engaged in the printing business in which Robert S. Keane, the son of Kevin T. Keane, is a principal. Thereafter, in the second quarter of 1995, the Company determined to liquidate the investment and accepted the proposal of Kevin T. Keane to purchase the investment at the Company's cost.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

In 1995, outside Directors were paid an annual retainer of \$4,500 and an additional fee of \$500 for each meeting attended of the Board and its committees. Directors are permitted to defer their compensation.

The Company's 1993 Director Stock Option Plan for non-salaried outside directors provides for the grant of options to purchase up to an aggregate of 50,000 shares of Common Stock (subject to adjustment to reflect share distributions). Outside directors are eligible to receive options under this Plan at the discretion of a committee appointed by the Board of Directors who are not eligible to participate in the Plan. Under the Plan, the option price is not less than the fair market value of the shares optioned on the date of grant. There is no limit on the number of options that a participant may be granted under the Plan. Options are exercisable beginning six months after grant and so long as the holder is a director of the Company, but for no longer than ten years after date of grant.

On February 8, 1996, the committee charged with administration of the Plan granted options to purchase shares of Common Stock to outside directors at the price of \$5.125 per share as follows: Mr. Berner -- 4,000 shares; Mr. Brady -- 4,000 shares; and Mr. Drenning -- 4,000 shares.

EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan provides for the purchase of up to 542,969 shares of Common Stock (as adjusted to reflect share distributions). All employees of the Company or its subsidiaries who meet certain employment standards and who own less than 5% of the Company's outstanding shares are eligible to participate in the Plan. Under the Plan, participants may subscribe to purchase shares once a year, and the purchase price is 85% of the closing price of the Common Stock on the application date.

In any calendar year, no individual may elect to purchase shares in an amount in excess of 20% of his total previous year's compensation from the Company or \$25,000, whichever is less. Payment of the purchase price is made through payroll deductions over the balance of the year following the application. During each one-year payment period, an employee may cancel his application and receive back his contributions

with interest. In the event of resignation, involuntary termination of employment, retirement or death, the application is treated as canceled.

During 1995, 134 employees subscribed for 67,600 shares of Common Stock at a purchase price of \$2.71 per share, including Mr. Hauck for 5,000 shares and Mr. Yessa for 2,500 shares.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS INDEMNIFICATION INSURANCE

On October 1, 1995, the Company renewed a Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance policy written by The Chubb Group. The renewal was for a one year period at an annual premium of \$49,626. The policy provides indemnification benefits and the payment of expenses in actions instituted against any director or officer of the Company for claimed liability arising out of their conduct in such capacities. No significant payments or claims of indemnification or expenses have been made under any such insurance policies purchased by the Company at any time.

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has selected Ernst & Young LLP, independent certified public accountants, to act as auditors of Astronics for the current fiscal year. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" this proposal.

PROPOSALS OF SHAREHOLDERS FOR 1997 ANNUAL MEETING

If any shareholder wishes to propose an item of business for consideration at next year's annual meeting of shareholders, the proposal must be in writing and received by the Company no later than November 29, 1996.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their judgment.

Copies of the 1995 Annual Report to Shareholders of Astronics have been mailed to shareholders. Additional copies of the Annual Report, as well as this Proxy Statement, Proxy Card(s), and Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders, may be obtained from Astronics Corporation, 1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14207.

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-KSB, FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE TO SHAREHOLDERS, BENEFICIALLY OR OF RECORD ON MARCH 8, 1996, ON REQUEST TO MR. JOHN M. YESSA, C/O ASTRONICS CORPORATION, 1801 ELMWOOD AVENUE, BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14207.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,

John B. Drenning, Secretary

Buffalo, New York
March 22, 1996

PROXY ASTRONICS CORPORATION PROXY

This Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned, revoking all prior proxies, hereby appoints Kevin T. Keane and John B. Drenning, or either of them, with full power of substitution, as proxy or proxies, to vote for him and in his name all shares of Common Stock of the undersigned as if the undersigned were personally present and voting, at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders, April 26, 1996, and at any adjournments thereof.

This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned. If no other indication is made, this proxy will be voted "FOR" Proposals 1 and 2.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: For all nominees listed below (unless contrary instructions are given below):
Kevin T. Keane, John M. Yessa, John B. Drenning, Guy P. Berner and Robert T. Brady.

FOR all nominees listed above WITHHOLD authority to vote for all nominees listed above.

(To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's name on the above line.)

2. Proposal to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Auditors for fiscal year 1996.

FOR AGAINST ABSTAIN

[FRONT OF CARD]

3. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated: , 1996
(Month) (Day) (Signature)

(Signature)

(Please sign exactly as name appears hereon. When shares are held by joint tenants, both should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by president or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.)

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE TWO PROXY CARDS ENCLOSED. THE WHITE CARD SHOULD BE USED TO VOTE YOUR COMMON SHARES, AND THE BLUE CARD SHOULD BE USED TO VOTE YOUR CLASS B SHARES. PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN EACH PROXY CARD PROMPTLY, USING THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

[BACK OF CARD]

This Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned, revoking all prior proxies, hereby appoints Kevin T. Keane and John B. Drenning, or either of them, with full power of substitution, as proxy or proxies, to vote for him and in his name all shares of Class B Stock of the undersigned as if the undersigned were personally present and voting, at the Company's Annual Meeting of Shareholders, April 26, 1996, and at any adjournments thereof.

This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned. If no other indication is made, this proxy will be voted "FOR" Proposals 1 and 3.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS: For all nominees listed below (unless contrary instructions are given below):
Kevin T. Keane, John M. Yessa, John B. Drenning, Guy P. Berner and Robert T. Brady.

FOR all nominees WITHHOLD authority to vote
listed above. for all nominees listed above.

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