

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (date of earliest event reported) November 1, 1996

ASTRONICS CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

New York                      0-7087                      16-0959303

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
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1801 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York                      14207

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices                      (Zip  
Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (716) 447-9013

N/A

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.

On November 1, 1996, Astronics Corporation issued the attached press release.

Item 7. Exhibits.

(i) Press release.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

ASTRONICS CORPORATION

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(Registrant)

Date: November 1, 1996                      By: /s/ Kevin T. Keane  
Kevin T. Keane  
President and Chief  
Executive Officer

[PRESS RELEASE]

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Astronics Corporation  
Announces the Divestiture of its Rodgard Division

BUFFALO, NY, NOVEMBER 1, 1996. . Astronics Corporation (Nasdaq: ATRO) today announced that it sold its Rodgard division to Hutchinson Industries, Inc. of Trenton, NJ, in a cash transaction for approximately \$2,250,000.

Kevin T. Keane, President and Chief Executive Officer, stated that "the sale of Rodgard completes the company's divestiture of operations that are not directly related to its strategic focus on the Specialized Packaging and Printing and Electronic System businesses." Rodgard's sales for the first nine months of 1996 were approximately \$1.5 million.

Mr. Keane further stated, "this divestiture is not expected to have a material impact on our bottom line for the year. We will use the cash generated by this sale to reduce our long-term indebtedness."

Hutchinson Industries and its French parent, Hutchinson S.A., are the world leaders in the runflat, tire insert business.

For further information, contact John M. Yessa, Vice President-Finance, Astronics Corporation; (716) 447-9013, Ext. 439.  
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