

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933  
AUTODESK, INC.

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

DELAWARE  
(STATE OF INCORPORATION)

94-2819853  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NO.)

111 MCINNIS PARKWAY  
SAN RAFAEL, CA 94903  
(ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF REGISTRANT'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES)

AUTODESK, INC. NONSTATUTORY STOCK OPTION PLAN  
(FULL TITLE OF THE PLAN)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE(1)	PROPOSED MAXIMUM AGGREGATE OFFERING PRICE	AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEE(2)
Common Stock, \$.01 par value.....				
- Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan...	850,000	\$37.34	\$31,739,000	\$9,364
TOTAL.....	850,000	\$37.34	\$31,739,000	\$9,364

- (1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the filing fee on the basis of \$37.34 per share, which represents the average of the high and the low prices reported on the Nasdaq National Market on January 22, 1998.
- (2) Amount of the Registration Fee was calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 3. INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE.  
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There are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement the following documents and information heretofore filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

(a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1997, filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act");

(b) The Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 1997, filed pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act;

(c) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated March 18, 1986 pursuant to Section 12(g) of the 1934 Act.

In addition, all documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the 1934 Act on or after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

ITEM 4. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES.  
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Not applicable.

ITEM 5. INTERESTS OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL.  
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Mark Bertelsen, a director of the Registrant, is a member of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, which has given an opinion upon the validity of the securities being registered by this Registration Statement.

ITEM 6. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.  
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As permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Registrant's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, includes a provision that eliminates the personal liability of its directors for monetary damages for breach or alleged breach of their duty of care. In addition, as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, the Bylaws of the Registrant provide that: (i) the Registrant is required to indemnify its directors and officers and persons serving in such capacities in other business enterprises (including, for example, subsidiaries of the Registrant) at the Registrant's request, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law; (ii) the Registrant may, in its discretion, indemnify employees and agents in those circumstances where indemnification is not required by law; (iii) the Registrant is required to advance expenses, as incurred, to its directors and officers in connection with defending a proceeding, provided that payment of expenses incurred by a director or officer of the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding shall be made only on receipt of an undertaking by the officer or director to repay all amounts advanced if it should ultimately be determined that the officer or director is not entitled to be indemnified; (iv) the rights conferred in the Bylaws are not exclusive, and the Registrant is authorized to enter into

indemnification agreements with its directors, officers and employees; and (v) the Registrant may not retroactively amend the Bylaw provisions in a way that is adverse to such directors, officers and employees.

The Registrant's policy is to enter into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers that provide the maximum indemnity allowed to directors and officers by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Bylaws, as well as certain additional procedural protections. In addition, the indemnification agreements provide that directors and officers will be indemnified to the fullest possible extent permitted by law against all expenses (including attorney's fees) and settlement amounts paid or incurred by them in an action or proceeding, including any action by or in the right of the Registrant, arising out of such person's services as a director or officer of the Registrant, any subsidiary of the Registrant or any other company or enterprise to which such person provides services at the request of the Registrant. The Registrant will not be obligated pursuant to the indemnification agreements to indemnify or advance expenses to an indemnified party with respect to proceedings or claims initiated by the indemnified party and not by way of defense, except with respect to proceedings specifically authorized by the Board of Directors or brought to enforce a right to indemnification under the indemnification agreement, the Registrant's Bylaws or any statute or law. Under the agreements, the Registrant is not obligated to indemnify the indemnified party (i) for any expenses incurred by the indemnified party with respect to any proceeding instituted by the indemnified party to enforce or interpret the agreement, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that each of the material assertions made by the indemnified party in such proceeding was not made in good faith or was frivolous; (ii) for any amounts paid in settlement of a proceeding unless the Registrant consents to such settlement; (iii) on account of any suit in which judgment is rendered against the indemnified party for an accounting of profits made from the purchase or sale by the indemnified party of securities of the Registrant pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related laws; or (iv) if a final decision by a court having jurisdiction in the matter shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful.

The indemnification provisions in the Bylaws and the indemnification agreements entered into between the Registrant and its directors and officers may be sufficiently broad to permit indemnification of the Registrant's directors and officers for liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

ITEM 7. EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION CLAIMED.  
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Not applicable.

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.  
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EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
4.1	Preferred Shares Rights Agreement dated December 14, 1995 (incorporated by reference to the exhibit filed with the Registrant's Report on Form 8-A filed on January 5, 1996).
4.2	Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, as amended on September 18, 1997.
5.1	Opinion of Counsel as to legality of securities being registered.
23.1	Consent of Independent Auditors.
23.2	Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (see Page II-4 of Registration Statement).

ITEM 9. UNDERTAKINGS.

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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 to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

B. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (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 Securities and Exchange 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 hereunder, 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 Securities 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 San Rafael, State of California, on this 28th day of January, 1998.

AUTODESK, INC.

By: /s/ CAROL A. BARTZ

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 Carol A. Bartz, Chairman of the Board,  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Carol A. Bartz and Eric B. Herr, jointly and severally his or her attorneys-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him or her in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact, or their substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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 dates indicated.

SIGNATURES	TITLE	DATE
/s/ CAROL A. BARTZ _____ (Carol A. Bartz)	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	January 28, 1998
/s/ STEVE CAKEBREAD _____ (Steve Cakebread)	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	January 28, 1998
/s/ J. HALLAM DAWSON _____ (J. Hallam Dawson)	Director	January 28, 1998
/s/ PAUL OTELLINI _____ (Paul Otellini)	Director	January 28, 1998
/s/ MARY ALICE TAYLOR _____ (Mary Alice Taylor)	Director	January 28, 1998
/s/ MARK A. BERTELSEN _____ (Mark A. Bertelsen)	Director	January 28, 1998
/s/ CRAWFORD W. BEVERIDGE _____ (Crawford W. Beveridge)	Director	January 28, 1998
/s/ MORTON TOPFER _____ (Morton Topfer)	Director	January 28, 1998

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AUTODESK, INC.  
NONSTATUTORY STOCK OPTION PLAN

AS AMENDED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 1997

1. Purposes of the Plan. The purposes of this Plan are:

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- . to attract and retain the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility,
  - . to provide additional incentive to Employees and Consultants, and
  - . to promote the success of the Company's business.

Nonstatutory Stock Options may be granted under the Plan.

2. Definitions. As used herein, the following definitions shall apply:

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- (a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as shall be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.  
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  - (b) "Applicable Laws" means the legal requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans and issuance of stock and stock options under U. S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code and the applicable laws of any foreign country or jurisdiction where Options will be or are being granted under the Plan.  
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  - (c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.  
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  - (d) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.  
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  - (e) "Committee" means a Committee appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.  
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  - (f) "Common Stock" means the Common Stock of the Company.  
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  - (g) "Company" means Autodesk, Inc., a Delaware corporation.  
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  - (h) "Consultant" means any person, including an advisor, engaged by the Company or a parent, subsidiary or affiliate to render services. The term "Consultant" shall not include any person who is also an Officer or Director of the Company.  
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  - (i) "Director" means a member of the Board.  
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(j) "Disability" means total and permanent disability as defined in  
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Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

(k) "Employee" means any person, except for Officers and Directors,  
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employed by the Company or any parent, subsidiary or affiliate of the Company.

(l) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the closing sales price for  
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the Common Stock (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on  
any established stock exchange or national market system, including without  
limitation The Nasdaq National Market or The Nasdaq SmallCap Market of The  
Nasdaq Stock Market, for the date of such determination, as reported in The Wall  
Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable.

(m) "Notice of Grant" means a written or electronic notice evidencing  
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certain terms and conditions of an individual Option grant. The Notice of Grant  
is part of the Option Agreement.

(n) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the  
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meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and  
the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(o) "Option" means a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan. Options  
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granted under the Plan are nonstatutory stock options.

(p) "Option Agreement" means a written agreement between the Company and  
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an Optionee evidencing the terms and conditions of an individual Option grant.  
The Option Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

(q) "Optioned Stock" means the Common Stock subject to an Option.  
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(r) "Optionee" means an Employee or Consultant who holds an outstanding  
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Option.

(s) "Plan" means this Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan.  
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(t) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in accordance  
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with Section 12 of the Plan.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 12 of the  
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Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be optioned and sold  
under the Plan is 2,850,000 Shares. The Shares may be authorized, but unissued,  
or reacquired Common Stock.

If an Option expires or becomes unexercisable without having been  
exercised in full, the unpurchased Shares which were subject thereto shall  
become available for future grant or sale under the Plan (unless the Plan has  
terminated).

4. Administration of the Plan.  
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(a) Administration. The Plan shall be administered by (i) the Board or

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(ii) a Committee designated by the Board, which Committee shall be constituted to satisfy Applicable Laws. Once appointed, such Committee shall serve in its designated capacity until otherwise directed by the Board. The Board may increase the size of the Committee and appoint additional members, remove members (with or without cause) and substitute new members, fill vacancies (however caused), and remove all members of the Committee and thereafter directly administer the Plan, all to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

(b) Powers of the Administrator. Subject to the provisions of the Plan,

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and in the case of a Committee, subject to the specific duties delegated by the Board to such Committee, the Administrator shall have the authority, in its discretion:

(i) to determine the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock, in accordance with Section 2(l) of the Plan;

(ii) to select the Consultants and Employees to whom Options may be granted hereunder;

(iii) to determine whether and to what extent Options are granted hereunder;

(iv) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option granted hereunder;

(v) to approve forms of agreement for use under the Plan;

(vi) to determine the terms and conditions, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, of any award granted hereunder. Such terms and conditions include, but are not limited to, the exercise price, the time or times when Options may be exercised (which may be based on performance criteria), any vesting acceleration or waiver of forfeiture restrictions, and any restriction or limitation regarding any Option or the shares of Common Stock relating thereto, based in each case on such factors as the Administrator, in its sole discretion, shall determine;

(vii) to construe and interpret the terms of the Plan and awards granted pursuant to the Plan;

(viii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan, including rules and regulations relating to sub-plans established for the purpose of qualifying for preferred tax treatment under foreign tax laws;

(ix) to modify or amend each Option (subject to Section 14(b) of the Plan), including the discretionary authority to extend the post-termination exercisability period of Options longer than is otherwise provided for in the Plan;

(x) to authorize any person to execute on behalf of the Company any instrument required to effect the grant of an Option previously granted by the Administrator;

(xi) to determine the terms and restrictions applicable to Options;

(xii) to allow Optionees to satisfy withholding tax obligations by electing to have the Company withhold from the Shares to be issued upon exercise of an Option that number of Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld; and

(xiii) to make all other determinations deemed necessary or advisable for administering the Plan.

(c) Effect of Administrator's Decision. The Administrator's decisions, -----  
determinations and interpretations shall be final and binding on all Optionees and any other holders of Options.

5. Eligibility. Stock Options may be granted to Employees and Consultants.  
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6. Limitations. Neither the Plan nor any Option shall confer upon an -----  
Optionee any right with respect to continuing the Optionee's employment or consulting relationship with the Company, nor shall they interfere in any way with the Optionee's right or the Company's right to terminate such employment or consulting relationship at any time, with or without cause.

7. Term of Plan. The Plan shall become effective upon its adoption by the -----  
Board. It shall continue in effect until terminated under Section 14 of the Plan.

8. Term of Option. The term of each Option shall be stated in the Notice of -----  
Grant.

9. Option Exercise Price and Consideration.  
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(a) Exercise Price. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be -----  
issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be determined by the Administrator.

(b) Waiting Period and Exercise Dates. At the time an Option is granted, -----  
the Administrator shall fix the period within which the Option may be exercised and shall determine any conditions which must be satisfied before the Option may be exercised. In so doing, the Administrator may specify that an Option may not be exercised until either the completion of a service period or the achievement of performance criteria with respect to the Company or the Optionee.

(c) Form of Consideration. The Administrator shall determine the -----  
acceptable form of consideration for exercising an Option, including the method of payment. Such consideration may consist entirely of:

(i) cash;

(ii) check;

(iii) promissory note;

(iv) other Shares which (A) in the case of Shares acquired upon exercise of an option, have been owned by the Optionee for more than six months on the date of surrender, and (B) have a Fair Market Value on the date of surrender equal to the aggregate exercise price of the Shares as to which said Option shall be exercised;

(v) delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with such other documentation as the Administrator and the broker, if applicable, shall require to effect an exercise of the Option and delivery to the Company of the sale or loan proceeds required to pay the exercise price;

(vi) a reduction in the amount of any Company liability to the Optionee, including any liability attributable to the Optionee's participation in any Company-sponsored deferred compensation program or arrangement;

(vii) any combination of the foregoing methods of payment; or

(viii) such other consideration and method of payment for the issuance of Shares to the extent permitted by Applicable Laws.

10. Exercise of Option.

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(a) Procedure for Exercise; Rights as a Shareholder. Any Option granted

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hereunder shall be exercisable according to the terms of the Plan and at such times and under such conditions as determined by the Administrator and set forth in the Option Agreement.

An Option may not be exercised for a fraction of a Share.

An Option shall be deemed exercised when the Company receives: (i) written or electronic notice of exercise (in accordance with the Option Agreement) from the person entitled to exercise the Option, and (ii) full payment for the Shares with respect to which the Option is exercised. Full payment may consist of any consideration and method of payment authorized by the Administrator and permitted by the Option Agreement and the Plan. Shares issued upon exercise of an Option shall be issued in the name of the Optionee or, if requested by the Optionee, in the name of the Optionee and his or her spouse. Until the Shares are issued (as evidenced by the appropriate entry on the books of the Company or of a duly authorized transfer agent of the Company), no right to vote or receive dividends or any other rights as a shareholder shall exist with respect to the Optioned Stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) such Shares promptly after the Option is exercised. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date the Shares are issued, except as provided in Section 12 of the Plan.

Exercising an Option in any manner shall decrease the number of Shares thereafter available, both for purposes of the Plan and for sale under the Option, by the number of Shares as to which the

Option is exercised.

(b) Termination of Employment or Consulting Relationship. In the event an

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Optionee ceases to be an Employee or Consultant, other than upon the Optionee's death or Disability, the Optionee may exercise his or her Option within such period of time as is specified in the Notice of Grant to the extent that he or she is entitled to exercise it on the date of termination (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Notice of Grant). In the absence of a specified time in the Notice of Grant, the Option shall remain exercisable for three (3) months following the Optionee's termination. If, on the date of termination, the Optionee is not entitled to exercise his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unexercisable portion of the Option shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Optionee does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified by the Administrator, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of an Optionee's change in status from Consultant to Employee or Employee to Consultant, the Optionee's Continuous Status as an Employee or Consultant shall not automatically terminate solely as a result of such change in status.

(c) Disability of Optionee. In the event an Optionee ceases to be an

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Employee or Consultant as a result of the Optionee's Disability, the Optionee may exercise his or her Option at any time within twelve (12) months (or such other period of time as is determined by the Administrator) from the date of termination, but only to the extent that the Optionee is entitled to exercise it on the date of termination (and in no event later than the expiration of the term of the Option as set forth in the Notice of Grant). If, on the date of termination, the Optionee is not entitled to exercise his or her entire Option, the Shares covered by the unexercisable portion of the Option shall revert to the Plan. If, after termination, the Optionee does not exercise his or her Option within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.

(d) Death of Optionee. In the event of the death of an Optionee, the

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Option shall become fully exercisable, including as to Shares for which it would not otherwise be exercisable and may be exercised at any time within twelve (12) months (or such other period of time as is determined by the Administrator) following the date of death (but in no event later than the expiration of the term of such Option as set forth in the Notice of Grant), by the Optionee's estate or by a person who acquired the right to exercise the Option by bequest or inheritance. If, after death, the Optionee's estate or a person who acquired the right to exercise the Option by bequest or inheritance does not exercise the Option within the time specified herein, the Option shall terminate, and the Shares covered by such Option shall revert to the Plan.

11. Non-Transferability of Options. Unless otherwise specified by the

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Administrator in the Option Agreement, an Option may not be sold, pledged, assigned, hypothecated, transferred, or disposed of in any manner other than by will or by the laws of descent or distribution and may be exercised, during the lifetime of the Optionee, only by the Optionee.

12. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization, Dissolution, Merger or Asset

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Sale.  
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(a) Changes in Capitalization. Subject to any required action by the

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shareholders of the Company, the number of Shares covered by each outstanding Option and the number of Shares which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Options have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, as well as the price per Share covered by each such outstanding Option, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares resulting from a stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination or reclassification of the Common Stock, or any other increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Company; provided, however, that conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Such adjustment shall be made by the Board, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of Shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into Shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of Shares subject to an Option.

(b) Dissolution or Liquidation. In the event of the proposed dissolution

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or liquidation of the Company, the Administrator shall notify each Optionee as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction. The Administrator in its discretion may provide for all Options to vest and for an Optionee to have the right to exercise his or her Option until ten (10) days prior to such transaction as to all of the Optioned Stock covered thereby, including Shares as to which the Option would not otherwise be vested and exercisable. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, an Option will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action.

(c) Merger or Asset Sale. In the event of a merger of the Company with or

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into another corporation, or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, each outstanding Option shall be assumed or an equivalent option or right substituted by the successor corporation or a Parent or Subsidiary of the successor corporation, or in the event that the successor corporation refuses to assume or substitute for the Option, the Option shall fully vest and the Optionee shall have the right to exercise the Option as to all of the Optioned Stock, including Shares as to which it would not otherwise be vested and exercisable. If an Option is exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a merger or sale of assets, the Administrator shall notify the Optionee in writing or electronically that the Option shall be fully vested and exercisable for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of such notice, and the Option shall terminate upon the expiration of such period. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Option shall be considered assumed if, following the merger or sale of assets, the option or right confers the right to purchase or receive, for each Share of Optioned Stock subject to the Option immediately prior to the merger or sale of assets, the consideration (whether stock, cash, or other securities or property) received in the merger or sale of assets by holders of Common Stock for each Share held on the effective date of the transaction (and if holders were offered a choice of consideration, the type of consideration chosen by the holders of a majority of the outstanding Shares); provided, however, that if such consideration received in the merger or sale of assets was not solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent, the Administrator may, with the consent of the successor corporation, provide for the consideration to be received upon the exercise of the Option, for each Share of Optioned Stock subject to the Option, to be solely common stock of the successor corporation or its Parent equal in fair market value to the per share consideration received by holders of Common Stock in the merger or sale of assets.

13. Date of Grant. The date of grant of an Option shall be, for all purposes,  
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the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such  
Option, or such other later date as is determined by the Administrator. Notice  
of the determination shall be provided to each Optionee within a reasonable time  
after the date of such grant.

14. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.  
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(a) Amendment and Termination. The Board may at any time amend, alter,  
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suspend or terminate the Plan.

(b) Effect of Amendment or Termination. No amendment, alteration,  
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suspension or termination of the Plan shall impair the rights of any Optionee,  
unless mutually agreed otherwise between the Optionee and the Administrator,  
which agreement must be in writing and signed by the Optionee and the Company.

15. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.  
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(a) Legal Compliance. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the exercise  
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of an Option unless the exercise of such Option and the issuance and delivery of  
such Shares shall comply with all Applicable Laws, and the requirements of any  
stock exchange or quotation system upon which the Shares may then be listed or  
quoted, and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company  
with respect to such compliance.

(b) Investment Representations. As a condition to the exercise of an  
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Option, the Company may require the person exercising such Option to represent  
and warrant at the time of any such exercise that the Shares are being purchased  
only for investment and without any present intention to sell or distribute such  
Shares if, in the opinion of counsel for the Company, such a representation is  
required.

16. Liability of Company. The inability of the Company to obtain authority  
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from any regulatory body having jurisdiction, which authority is deemed by the  
Company's counsel to be necessary to the lawful issuance and sale of any Shares  
hereunder, shall relieve the Company of any liability in respect of the failure  
to issue or sell such Shares as to which such requisite authority shall not have  
been obtained.

17. Reservation of Shares. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will at  
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all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be  
sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

January 28, 1998

Autodesk, Inc.  
111 McInnis Parkway  
San Rafael, California 94903

Re: REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 to be filed by you with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about January 28, 1998 (the "Registration Statement"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of 850,000 additional shares under the Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, (which Plan is referred to herein as the "Plan" and which Shares are referred to herein as the "Shares"). As your legal counsel, we have examined the proceedings taken and are familiar with the proceedings proposed to be taken by you in connection with the proposed sale and issuance of the Shares pursuant to the Plan.

It is our opinion that, when issued and sold in the manner referred to in the Plan, the Shares will be legally and validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and further consent to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendment thereto.

Very truly yours,

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI  
Professional Corporation

/s/ Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Autodesk, Inc. Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan of our reports dated February 24, 1997 (except for Note 10 as to which the date is March 31, 1997), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Autodesk, Inc. incorporated by reference in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended January 31, 1997, and the related financial statement schedule included therein, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Jose, California  
January 26, 1998