# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

# FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# V.F. CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

#### PENNSYLVANIA

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

23-1180120

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

105 Corporate Center Blvd. Greensboro, North Carolina 27408 (Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

1996 Stock Compensation Plan

(Full Title of the Plan)

Candace S. Cummings, Esq.
Vice President — Administration, General Counsel and Secretary
V.F. Corporation
P.O. Box 21488
Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

(Name and address of agent for service)

(336) 547-6000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

# CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (3)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (3)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock (no par value; stated				
capital \$1.00 per share) (1)	8,000,000	\$ 49.67	\$ 397,360,000	\$ 50,345.51

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- (1) In addition, this registration statement registers an indeterminate number of rights (the "Rights") to purchase Series A Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock pursuant to the terms of a certain Rights Agreement between the Company and First Chicago Trust Company of New York, as Rights Agent, as amended. No separate consideration will be received for the Rights, which initially will trade together with the Common Stock.
- (2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement also covers an indeterminate amount of: (a) interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the 1996 Stock Compensation Plan, as amended and restated February 10, 2004 (the "Plan"), and (b) additional shares which may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to the Plan for any future stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the outstanding Common Stock of the registrant.
- (3) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on the average of the high and low sales prices of shares of Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange consolidated reporting system on August 20, 2004.

## **Explanatory Note**

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement is being filed in order to register additional shares of Common Stock, no par value, stated capital \$1.00 per share, of V.F. Corporation (the "Company"), with respect to a currently effective Registration Statement on Form S-8 of the Company relating to the Company's 1996 Stock Compensation Plan.

The contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed on August 4, 1997, Registration No. 333-32789, as amended, the contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed on July 30, 1999, Registration No. 333-84193, as amended, and the contents of Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed on August 14, 2001, Registration No. 333-67502, as amended, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

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# PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	<u>Description</u>
*4.1	1996 Stock Compensation Plan, as amended and restated February 10, 2004 (Exhibit A to the Company's 2004 proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 24, 2004).
5.1	Opinion of Pepper Hamilton LLP.
23.1	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
23.2	Consent of Pepper Hamilton LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney.

<sup>\*</sup> Incorporated by reference.

## Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) 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;

provided, however, that paragraphs (1) (i) and (1) (ii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included

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in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference 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.

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 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.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 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 Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Greensboro, state of North Carolina on this 25th day of August, 2004.

V.F. CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mackey J. McDonald

Mackey J. McDonald

Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

SIGNATURE	TITLE	<u>DATE</u>
/s/ Mackey J. McDonald	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer	August 25, 2004
Mackey J. McDonald /s/ Robert K. Shearer	Vice President - Finance and Global Processes, Chief Financial	August 25, 2004
Robert K. Shearer	Officer, and Chief Accounting Officer	
DIRECTORS Edward E. Crutchfield* Juan Ernesto de Bedout* Ursula F. Fairbairn* Barbara S. Feigin*	George Fellows* Daniel R. Hesse* Robert J. Hurst* W. Alan McCollough*	Mackey J. McDonald* Clarence Otis, Jr.* M. Rust Sharp* Raymond G. Viault*
Date: August 25, 2004	*By: /s/ Candace S. Cummings Candace S. Cummings, Attorney-In-Fact	
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Pepper Hamilton LLP 3000 Two Logan Square Eighteenth and Arch Streets Philadelphia, PA 19103-2799 215.981.4000 Fax 215.981.4750

August 25, 2004

V.F. Corporation P.O. Box 21488 Greensboro, North Carolina 27420

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") of V.F. Corporation, a Pennsylvania corporation (the "Company"), to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Act"). The Registration Statement relates to the offering and sale by the Company of an additional 8,000,000 shares of common stock, without par value, stated capital \$1.00 per share (the "Shares") of the Company pursuant to the Company's 1996 Stock Compensation Plan, as amended and restated February 10, 2004 (the "Plan").

In this connection, we have examined the Registration Statement, including the exhibits thereto, the originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws of the Company as amended to date, and such other documents and corporate records relating to the Company as we have deemed appropriate for the purpose of rendering the opinion expressed herein. The opinion expressed herein is based exclusively on the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law and federal securities laws as in effect on the date hereof.

On the basis of the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued and paid for in accordance with the Plan, will be legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. By providing such consent, we do not admit that we come within the categories of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

PEPPER HAMILTON LLP

/s/ Pepper Hamilton LLP

### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated February 11, 2004 relating to the financial statements, which appears in the 2003 Annual Report to Shareholders of VF Corporation, which appears in VF Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2004. We also consent to the incorporation by reference of our report dated February 11, 2004 relating to the financial statement schedule, which appears in such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Greensboro, NC August 24, 2004

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned V.F. Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania ("VF"), and the undersigned directors and officers of VF hereby constitute and appoint M.J. McDonald and C.S. Cummings, and each of them, severally, his or her true and lawful attorneys and agents at any time and from time to time to do any and all acts and things and execute in his or her name (whether on behalf of VF, or by attesting the seal of VF or otherwise), any and all instruments and documents which said attorneys and agents, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable and may be required to enable VF and the 1996 Stock Compensation Plan, as amended and restated February 10, 2004 (the "Plan") to comply with the Securities Act of 1933 and any rules, regulations or requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") in respect thereof, in connection with the Plan and shares of Common Stock of VF offered pursuant to or in connection with the Plan, including specifically, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, power of attorney to sign the name of VF and affix the corporate seal and to sign the names of the undersigned directors and officers to all registration statements, and all amendments and supplements thereto, on Form S-8 or S-8/S-3 or on any other appropriate Form, hereafter filed with the Commission and all instruments or documents filed as a part thereof or in connection therewith, and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys, agents, or any of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has subscribed to these presents as of the 16th day of July, 2004.

#### ATTEST:

/s/ Candace S. Cummings
-----Candace S. Cummings
Vice President - Administration,
General Counsel and Secretary

Principal Executive Officer:

/s/ Mackey J. McDonald
----Mackey J. McDonald
Chairman, President and Chief
Executive Officer

/s/ Juan Ernesto de Bedout
----Juan Ernesto de Bedout, Director

/s/ Barbara S. Feigin
-----Barbara S. Feigin, Director

/s/ Daniel R. Hesse
----Daniel R. Hesse, Director

/s/ W. Alan McCollough
-----W. Alan McCollough, Director

/s/ M. Rust Sharp
----M. Rust Sharp, Director

 V.F. CORPORATION

By: /s/ Mackey J. McDonald
----Mackey J. McDonald
Chairman, President and Chief
Executive Officer

Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer:

/s/ Robert K. Shearer

Robert K. Shearer
Vice President - Finance and Global
Processes, Chief Financial Officer, and
Chief Accounting Officer
/s/ Edward E. Crutchfield
Edward E. Crutchfield, Director

/s/ Ursula F. Fairbairn
----Ursula F. Fairbairn, Director

/s/ George Fellows

George Fellows, Director
/s/ Robert J. Hurst

Robert J. Hurst, Director

/s/ Mackey J. McDonald

Mackey J. McDonald, Director

/s/ Raymond G. Viault
----Raymond G. Viault, Director