# SCHEDULE 14A (RULE 14a-101)

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STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION 3333 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53209

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION, a Wisconsin corporation (the "Corporation"), will be held at the Manchester East Hotel, 7065 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217, on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, at 2 p.m. local time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect two Directors, each to serve for a three-year term.
- $2.\ \,$  To take action with respect to any other matters that may be properly brought before the meeting and that might be considered by the shareholders of a Wisconsin corporation at their annual meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors

Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 15, 2000

PATRICK J. HANSEN, Secretary

SHAREHOLDERS OF RECORD AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON AUGUST 31, 2000 ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE MEETING. YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT A MAJORITY OF THE STOCK IS REPRESENTED. PLEASE COMPLETE, SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING. IF YOU LATER FIND THAT YOU MAY BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON DESIRE TO REVOKE YOUR PROXY, YOU MAY DO SO AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS VOTED.

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### STRATTEC LOGO

STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION 3333 WEST GOOD HOPE ROAD MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53209

PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2000 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2000

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION of proxies, in the accompanying form, to be used at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Corporation to be held on October 24, 2000 and any adjournments thereof. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on August 31, 2000 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting. The shares represented by each valid proxy received in time will be voted at the meeting and, if a choice is specified in the proxy, it will be voted in accordance with that specification.

If no instructions are specified in a signed proxy returned to the Corporation, the shares represented thereby will be voted in FAVOR of the election of the Directors listed in the enclosed proxy. Shareholders may revoke proxies at any time to the extent they have not been exercised. The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Corporation. Solicitation will be made primarily by use of the mails; however, some solicitation may be made by employees of the Corporation, without additional compensation therefor, by telephone, by facsimile or in person. On the record date, the Corporation had outstanding 4,465,927 shares of \$.01 par value common stock ("Common Stock") entitled to one vote per share.

A majority of the votes entitled to be cast with respect to each matter submitted to the shareholders, represented either in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum with respect to such matter. The election of directors requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares represented at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., shares held by brokers in street name, voting on certain matters due to discretionary authority or instructions from the beneficial owners but not voting on other matters due to lack of authority to vote on such matters without instructions from the beneficial owner) will count toward the quorum requirement and will not count toward the determination of whether such directors are elected. The Inspector of Election appointed by the Board of Directors will count the votes and ballots.

The Corporation's principal executive offices are located at 3333 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209. It is expected that this Proxy Statement and the form of Proxy will be mailed to shareholders on or about September 15, 2000.

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#### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Corporation is divided into three classes, with the term of office of each class ending in successive years. Two directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting, each to serve for a term of three years expiring in 2003, and three directors will continue to serve for the terms designated in the following schedule. As indicated below, the individuals nominated by the Board of Directors are both incumbent directors. The Corporation anticipates that both nominees listed in this Proxy Statement will be candidates when the election is held. However, if for any reason either nominee is not a candidate at that time, proxies will be voted for a substitute nominee designated by the Corporation (except where a proxy withholds authority with respect to the election of directors).

NAME, PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION FOR PAST FIVE YEARS AND DIRECTORSHIPS	AGE	DIRECTOR SINCE
NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING (CLASS OF 2003): HAROLD M. STRATTON II	52	1994
of Smith Investment Company.  ROBERT FEITLER	69	1995
FRANK J. KREJCI	50	1995
MICHAEL J. KOSS	46	1995

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The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee and a Compensation Committee. The Board's Audit Committee is comprised of Messrs. Feitler (Chairman), Koss and Krejci. The Audit Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the engagement of independent public accountants to audit the books and accounts of the Corporation and reviews with such accountants the audited financial statements and their reports thereon. The Audit Committee also consults with the independent public accountants with respect to the annual audit scope and plan of audit and with respect to the adequacy of the

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Corporation's internal controls and accounting procedures. The Audit Committee met two times during fiscal 2000.

The Board's Compensation Committee is comprised of Messrs. Feitler, Koss and Krejci (Chairman). The Compensation Committee, in addition to such other duties as may be specified by the Board of Directors, reviews the compensation and benefits of senior managers and makes appropriate recommendations to the Board of Directors, administers the Corporation's Economic Value Added Plan for Executive Officers and Senior Managers, administers the STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION Stock Incentive Plan and prepares on an annual basis a report on executive compensation. The Compensation Committee met two times during fiscal 2000.

The Board of Directors held four meetings in fiscal 2000, and all of the directors attended all of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the committees thereof on which they served.

#### COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Each nonemployee director of the Corporation receives an annual retainer fee of \$8,000, a fee of \$750 for each Board meeting attended and a fee of \$500for each committee meeting attended. Effective June 30, 1997, the Corporation implemented an Economic Value Added Plan for Non-Employee Members of the Board of Directors (the "Director EVA\* Plan"). The purpose of the Director EVA Plan is to maximize long-term shareholder value by providing incentive compensation to nonemployee directors in a form which relates the financial reward to an increase in the value of the Corporation to its shareholders and to enhance the Corporation's ability to attract and retain outstanding individuals to serve as nonemployee directors of the Corporation. The Director EVA Plan provides for the payment of an annual cash bonus to each nonemployee director equal to the product of (a) 40% of the director's retainer and meeting fees for the fiscal year, multiplied by (b) a Company Performance Factor. In general, the Company Performance Factor is determined by reference to the financial performance of the Corporation relative to a targeted cash-based return on capital, which is intended to approximate the Corporation's weighted cost of capital (which was 12% for fiscal 2000). For fiscal 2000, Messrs. Feitler, Koss and Krejci each received a cash bonus of \$12,844, pursuant to the Director EVA Plan.

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#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock as of August 31, 2000 by (i) each director and named executive officer (as defined below), (ii) all directors and executive officers as a group, and (iii) each person or other entity known by the Corporation to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding Common Stock.

<sup>\*</sup> EVA is a registered trademark of Stern, Stewart & Co.

# NATURE OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

SOLE VOTING TOTAL NUMBER SOLE SOLE VOTING OF SHARES AND VOTING OR BENEFICIALLY PERCENT INVESTMENT INVESTMENT POWER NAME OF BENEFICIAL OWNER OWNED(1) OF CLASS POWER ONT.Y (2) 9.1 104,800 9.1 185,200 440,600 9.9 440,600 541,300 12.1 54,300 51,287 1.1 475 15,000 \* 15,000 1,000 \* 40 194,383 4.2 37,983 52,218 1.2 8,086 10,000 \* --13,844 \* 5 ^^ 528.700 FMR Corp.(3)..... Heartland Advisors, Inc.(4)..... 303,800 220,000 PRIMECAP Management Company(5)..... The State of Wisconsin Investment Board (6) .... --487,000 T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.(7)..... John G. Cahill..... --11 Robert Feitler..... \_\_\_ Michael J. Koss..... --Frank Krejci..... ----11,169(8) 22 Harold M. Stratton II..... --Michael R. Elliott..... 30 \_\_\_ Donald J. Harrod..... Gerald L. Peebles..... 193 All directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons)..... 11,169 256

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- \* Less than 1%.
- (1) Includes the rights of the following persons to acquire shares pursuant to the exercise of currently vested stock options: Mr. Cahill -- 50,801 shares; Mr. Stratton -- 145,209 shares; Mr. Elliott -- 44,102 shares; Mr. Harrod -- 10,000 shares; Mr. Peebles -- 8,570 shares; and all directors and executive officers as a group -- 262,203 shares.
- (2) All shares are held in the Employee Savings and Investment Plan Trust.
- (3) FMR Corp., 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109, filed a Schedule 13G dated February 12, 1999, as amended by a Schedule 13G/A dated February 14, 2000 and a Schedule 13G/A dated March 10, 2000, reporting that as of March 10, 2000 it was the beneficial owner of 528,700 shares of Common Stock, with sole investment power as to all of such shares.
- (4) Heartland Advisors, Inc. ("Heartland"), 790 North Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, filed a Schedule 13G dated November 12, 1996, as amended by a Schedule 13G/A dated February 12, 1997, a Schedule 13G/A dated February 2, 1998, a Schedule 13G/A dated February 9, 1999 and a Schedule 13G/A dated February 3, 2000, reporting that as of February 3, 2000 it was the beneficial

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owner of 408,600 shares of Common Stock. The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by Heartland include 104,800 shares as to which Heartland has sole voting and investment power and 303,800 shares as to which Heartland has sole investment power.

- (5) PRIMECAP Management Company ("PRIMECAP"), 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 400, Pasadena, California 91101-3005, filed a Schedule 13G dated June 17, 1999, as amended by a Schedule 13G/A dated April 7, 2000, reporting that as of April 7, 2000 it was the beneficial owner of 405,200 shares of Common Stock. The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by PRIMECAP include 185,200 shares as to which PRIMECAP has sole voting and investment power, and 220,000 shares as to which PRIMECAP has sole investment power.
- (6) The State of Wisconsin Investment Board, P.O. Box 7842, 121 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53707, filed a Schedule 13G dated February 6, 1996, as amended by a Schedule 13G/A dated January 21, 1997, a Schedule 13G/A dated January 20, 1998, a Schedule 13G/A dated February 2, 1999 and a Schedule 13G/A dated February 9, 2000, reporting that as of February 9, 2000 it was the beneficial owner of 440,600 shares of Common Stock, with sole voting and investment power as to all of such shares.

- (7) T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("T. Rowe Price"), 100 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, filed a Schedule 13G/A dated February 9, 2000, as amended by a Schedule 13G/A dated April 7, 2000, reporting that as of April 7, 2000 it was the beneficial owner of 541,300 shares of Common Stock. The shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by T. Rowe Price include 54,300 shares as to which T. Rowe Price has sole voting power and investment power and 487,000 shares as to which T. Rowe Price has sole investment power.
- (8) Includes 10,100 shares held in trust as to which Mr. Stratton is co-trustee and beneficiary, 169 shares owned by Mr. Stratton's spouse and 900 shares as to which Mr. Stratton is custodian on behalf of his children.

The above beneficial ownership information is based on information furnished by the specified persons and is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3, as required for purposes of this Proxy Statement. It is not necessarily to be construed as an admission of beneficial ownership for other purposes.

#### SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), requires the Corporation's directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of the Corporation's equity securities, to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") initial reports of beneficial ownership and reports of changes in beneficial ownership of the Corporation's equity securities. The rules promulgated by the Commission under section 16(a) of the Exchange Act require those persons to furnish the Corporation with copies of all reports filed with the Commission pursuant to section 16(a). Based solely upon a review of such forms actually furnished to the Corporation, and written representations of certain of the Corporation's directors and executive officers that no forms were required to be filed, all directors, executive officers and 10% shareholders have filed with the Commission on a timely basis all reports required to be filed under section 16(a) of the Exchange Act.

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### PERFORMANCE GRAPH

The chart below shows a comparison of the cumulative return since June 30, 1995 had \$100 been invested at the close of business on June 30, 1995 in each of the Common Stock, the Nasdaq Composite Index (all issuers), and the Dow Jones Auto Parts and Equipment Index.

# CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN COMPARISON\* THE CORPORATION VERSUS PUBLISHED INDICES

(NASDAQ COMPOSITE INDEX AND THE DOW JONES AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT INDEX) [BAR GRAPH]

	THE CORPORATION**	NASDAQ COMPOSITE INDEX	DOW JONES AUTO PARTS AND EQUIPMENT INDEX
6/30/95	100	100	100
6/28/96	145	127	115
6/27/97	169	154	142
6/26/98	249	200	166
6/25/99	294	273	165
6/30/00	265	425	125

- \* Total return assumes reinvestment of dividends.
- \*\* The closing price of the Common Stock on June 30, 1995 was \$12.25, the closing price on June 28, 1996 was \$17.75, the closing price on June 27, 1997 was \$20.75, the closing price on June 26, 1998 was \$30.47, the closing price on June 25, 1999 was \$36.00 and the closing price on June 30, 2000 was \$32.50.

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The Corporation's Compensation Committee (the "Committee"), which is comprised of three outside directors of the Corporation, is responsible for considering and approving compensation arrangements for senior management of the Corporation, including the Corporation's executive officers and the chief executive officer. The objectives of the Committee in establishing compensation arrangements for senior management are to: (i) attract and retain key executives who are important to the continued success of the Corporation; and (ii) provide strong financial incentives, at reasonable cost to the shareholders, for senior management to enhance the value of the shareholders' investment.

The primary components of the Corporation's executive compensation program are (i) base salary, (ii) incentive compensation bonuses and (iii) stock options.

The Committee believes that:

- The Corporation's incentive plans provide strong incentives for management to increase shareholder value;
- The Corporation's pay levels are appropriately targeted to attract and retain key executives; and
- The Corporation's total compensation program is a cost-effective strategy to increase shareholder value.

#### BASE SALARIES

Executive officers' base salaries are reviewed annually by the Committee, based on level of responsibility and individual performance. It is the Corporation's objective that base salary levels, in the aggregate, be at competitive salary levels. In fixing competitive base salary levels, the Committee used a survey of a broad group of domestic industrial organizations from all segments of industry. From this survey, the Committee determined a competitive salary level for fiscal 2000 for each executive officer position near the average derived from the survey for positions with similar responsibilities at companies with a similar level of sales, also taking into account additional factors such as the executive officer's performance. Because the survey was based on industry-wide studies, the companies in the survey do not correspond to the companies that make up the Dow Jones Auto Parts and Equipment Index, which is used by the Corporation as the published industry index for comparison in the Performance Graph on page 6.

#### INCENTIVE BONUSES

The Corporation maintains an Economic Value Added ("EVA") Plan for Executive Officers and Senior Managers (the "EVA Plan"), the purpose of which is to provide incentive compensation to certain key employees, including all executive officers, in a form which relates the financial reward to an increase in the value of the Corporation to its shareholders. In general, EVA is the net operating profit after taxes, less a capital charge. The capital charge is intended to represent the return expected by the providers of the Corporation's capital. The Corporation believes that EVA improvement is the financial performance measure most closely correlated with increases in shareholder value.

For fiscal 2000, the amount of bonus which a participant was entitled to earn was derived from a Company Performance Factor and from an Individual Performance Factor. The Company Performance Factor was determined by reference to the financial performance of the Corporation relative to a targeted cash-based return on capital established by the Committee, which is intended to approximate the

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Corporation's weighted cost of capital. The Individual Performance Factor was determined by reference to the level of attainment of certain quantifiable and non-quantifiable company or individual goals which contribute to increasing the value of the Corporation to its shareholders. Individual Target Incentive Awards under the EVA Plan range from 75% of base compensation for the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer to 35% of base compensation for other officers for fiscal 2000. Mr. Stratton's fiscal 2000 bonus equals 173% of his Target Incentive Award.

The EVA Plan provides the powerful incentive of an uncapped bonus opportunity, but also uses a "Bonus Bank" to ensure that significant EVA improvements are sustained before significant bonus awards are paid out. The Bonus Bank feature applies to those participants determined by the Committee to be "Executive Officers" under the EVA Plan. All of the named executive officers have been designated Executive Officers for fiscal 2000. Each year, any accrued bonus in excess of 125% of the target bonus award is added to the outstanding Bonus Bank balance. The bonus paid is equal to the accrued bonus for the year, up to a maximum of 125% of the target bonus, plus 33% of the Bonus Bank balance at the end of the year. Thus, significant EVA improvements must be sustained for several years to ensure full payout of the accrued bonus. A Bonus Bank account is considered "at risk" in the sense that in any year the accrued bonus is negative, the negative bonus amount is subtracted from the outstanding Bonus Bank balance. In the event the outstanding Bonus Bank balance at the beginning of the year is negative, the bonus paid is limited to the accrued bonus up to a maximum of 75% of the target bonus. The executive is not expected to repay negative balances. On termination of employment due to death, disability or retirement or by the Corporation without cause, the available balance in the Bonus Bank will be paid to the terminating executive or his designated beneficiary or estate. Executive officers who voluntarily leave to accept employment elsewhere or who are terminated for cause will forfeit any positive available balance.

#### STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

In 1994, the Corporation established the STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION Stock Incentive Plan ("Incentive Plan"). The Incentive Plan authorizes the Committee to grant to officers and other key employees stock incentive awards in the form of one or any combination of the following: stock options, stock appreciation rights, deferred stock, restricted stock and stock purchase rights. During fiscal 2000, the Committee granted options to purchase Common Stock to the executives as shown in the Summary Compensation Table.

On August 29, 2000, after publication of financial results for fiscal 2000, the Committee granted leveraged stock options (LSOs) to 17 key employees, including options to purchase 23,095 shares to Mr. Stratton, options to purchase 18,660 shares to Mr. Cahill, options to purchase 5,345 shares to Mr. Elliott, options to purchase 5,195 shares to Mr. Peebles and options to purchase 4,930 shares to Mr. Harrod, based on the amount of incentive bonus under the EVA Plan earned for fiscal 2000. The method of calculating the number of options granted to each executive, and the method of determining their exercise price, is set forth in the EVA Plan and Incentive Plan. These leveraged stock options have an exercise price of \$43.07 per share and provide a form of option grant that simulates a stock purchase with 10:1 leverage. The number of leveraged options granted to Mr. Stratton for fiscal 2000 was determined in the manner described and was based on his incentive bonus for fiscal 2000.

The maximum aggregate number of LSOs to be granted each year is 80,000. If the Total Bonus Payout under EVA produces more than 80,000 LSOs in any year, LSOs granted for that year will be reduced pro-rata based on proportionate Total Bonus Payouts under the EVA Plan. The amount of any such reduction shall be

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carried forward to subsequent years and invested in LSOs to the extent the annual limitation is not exceeded in such years.

#### COMPENSATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The compensation awarded to Mr. Stratton reflects the basic philosophy generally discussed above that compensation be based on Corporation and individual performance.

The Committee determined Mr. Stratton's base salary for fiscal 2000 based on the compensation survey and annual review described above. With respect to the EVA Plan and the Stock Incentive Plan, Mr. Stratton's awards for fiscal 2000 were determined in the same manner as for all other participants in these plans.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE:

Robert Feitler Michael J. Koss Frank J. Krejci

#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### CASH COMPENSATION

The table which follows sets forth certain information for the years indicated below concerning the compensation paid by the Corporation to the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer and the four other most highly compensated executive officers in fiscal 2000 (collectively, the "named executive officers"):

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

		ANNU COMPENS		LONG-TERM COMPENSATION		
NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION	FISCAL YEAR	SALARY(\$)	BONUS (\$)	SECURITIES UNDERLYING OPTIONS/SARS(#)(1)	ALL OTHER COMPENSATION(\$)	
Harold M. Stratton II,	2000	260,016	337,140	23,095	6,128(2)	
Chairman of the Board and	1999	240,000	269,071	25,550	6,127(2)	
Chief Executive Officer	1998	220,648	242,920	26,805	4,995(2)	
John G. Cahill,	2000	234,000	262,800	18,660	5,477(3)	
President and	1999	202,500	185,839	17,613	6,273(3)	
Chief Operating Officer	1998	178,811	157,667	17,399	5,469(3)	
Gerald L. Peebles,	2000	128,500	77,165	5,195	5,106(4)	
Vice President-General Manager	1999	120,958	67,360	6,364	4,876(4)	
Strattec de Mexico	1998	113,488	64,080	7,071	4,722(4)	
Michael R. Elliott,	2000	137,000	80,268	5,345	4,091(5)	
Vice President-Global	1999	126,500	69,416	6,504	3,972(5)	
Market Development	1998	117,048	65,311	7,207	2,918(5)	
Donald J. Harrod,	2000	124,500	68,570	4,930	5,850(7)	
Vice President-Engineering(6)	1999	81,593	37,975	3,720	3,003(7)	

- (1) For fiscal 1998, all amounts are leveraged stock options granted on August 25, 1998 based on executive performance for fiscal 1998. For fiscal 1999, all amounts are leveraged stock options granted on August 24, 1999 based on executive performance for fiscal 1999. For fiscal 2000, all amounts are leveraged stock options granted on August 29, 2000 based on executive performance for fiscal 2000.
- (2) For fiscal 1998, includes \$3,435 in matching contributions to the Corporation's Savings and Investment Plan (the "Plan") for the executive officer and includes \$1,560 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 1999, includes \$3,667 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$2,460 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 2000, includes \$5,100 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$1,028 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance.
- (3) For fiscal 1998, includes \$4,918 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$551 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 1999, includes \$5,561 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$712 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 2000, includes \$5,085 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$392 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance.

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- (4) For fiscal 1998, includes \$3,274 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$1,448 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 1999, includes \$3,158 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$1,718 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 2000, includes \$4,103 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$1,003 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance.
- (5) For fiscal 1998, includes \$2,576 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$342 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 1999, includes \$3,568 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$404 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 2000, includes \$3,810 in matching

- contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$281 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance.
- (6) Mr. Harrod was appointed as Vice President-Engineering of the Company in November 1998.
- (7) For fiscal 1999, includes \$2,228 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$775 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance. For fiscal 2000, includes \$4,874 in matching contributions to the Plan for the executive officer and includes \$976 of taxable employer paid group term life insurance.

#### STOCK OPTIONS

The Incentive Plan approved by shareholders provides for the granting of stock options with respect to Common Stock.

The following tables set forth further information relating to stock options.

OPTION/SAR GRANTS IN LAST FISCAL YEAR

					AT	ASSUMED
					ANNUA	L RATES OF
					STO	CK PRICE
	NUMBER OF	% OF TOTAL			APPRE	CIATION FOR
	SECURITIES	OPTIONS/SARS				OPTION
	UNDERLYING	GRANTED TO	EXERCISE		TE:	RM(\$)(2)
	OPTIONS/SARS	EMPLOYEES IN	PRICE			
NAME	GRANTED(#)(1)	FISCAL YEAR	(\$/SH)	EXPIRATION DATE	5%	10%
Harold M. Stratton II	25,550	24.3	45.79	August 24, 2004		280,539
John G. Cahill	17,613	16.8	45.79	August 24, 2004		193,391
Gerald L. Peebles	6,364	6.1	45.79	August 24, 2004		69,877
Michael R. Elliott	6,504	6.2	45.79	August 24, 2004		71,414
Donald J. Harrod	3,720	3.5	45.79	August 24, 2004		40,846

POTENTIAL REALIZABLE VALUE

(2) The dollar amounts under these columns are the result of theoretical calculations at 5% and 10% rates set by the Commission, and therefore are not intended to forecast possible future appreciation, if any, in the Common Stock.

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# AGGREGATED OPTION/SAR EXERCISES IN LAST FISCAL YEAR AND FY-END OPTION/SAR VALUES\*

NAME	SHARES ACQUIRED ON EXERCISE(#)	VALUE REALIZED(\$)	NUMBER OF SECURITIES UNDERLYING UNEXERCISED OPTIONS/SARS AT FISCAL YEAR END(#) (EXERCISABLE/UNEXERCISABLE)	VALUE OF UNEXERCISED IN-THE-MONEY OPTIONS/SARS AT FISCAL YEAR END(\$) (EXERCISABLE/UNEXERCISABLE)
Harold M. Stratton				
II	27,206	414,075	118,660/78,904	2,274,571/13,805
John G. Cahill	69,000	1,373,588	34,300/51,513	672,075/8,581
Gerald L. Peebles	34,548	679,099	4,919/20,005	98,747/3,416
Michael R. Elliott	15,186	292,226	44,810/20,903	845,244/3,740
Donald J. Harrod			10,000/13,720	48,700/48,700

<sup>\*</sup> No SARs are outstanding. Options at fiscal year end exclude leveraged stock

<sup>(1)</sup> The foregoing options are exercisable beginning on the third anniversary of the date of grant and terminate on the fifth anniversary of the date of grant.

options granted on August 29, 2000, based on executive performance for fiscal 2000.

#### RETIREMENT PLAN AND SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION PLAN

The Corporation maintains a defined benefit retirement plan (the "Retirement Plan") covering all executive officers and substantially all other employees in the United States. Under the Retirement Plan, nonbargaining unit employees receive an annual pension payable on a monthly basis at retirement equal to 1.6% of the employee's average of the highest 5'years of compensation during the last 10 calendar years of service prior to retirement multiplied by the number of years of credited service, with an offset of 50% of Social Security (prorated if years of credited service are less than 30). Compensation under the Retirement Plan includes the compensation as shown in the Summary Compensation Table under the heading "Salary and Bonus," subject to a maximum compensation amount set by law (\$170,000 in 2000).

Executive officers participate in a program which supplements benefits under the Retirement Plan. Under the Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "Supplemental Pension Plan"), executive officers are provided with additional increments of (a) 0.50% of compensation (as limited under the Retirement Plan) per year of credited service over the benefits payable under the Retirement Plan to nonbargaining unit employees and (b) 2.1% of the compensation exceeding the Retirement Plan dollar compensation limit per year of credited service.

A Rabbi trust has been created for deposit of the aggregate present value of the benefits described above for executive officers.

The following table shows total estimated annual benefits payable from the Retirement Plan and the unfunded Supplemental Pension Plan to executive officers upon normal retirement at age 65 at specified

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compensation and years of service classifications calculated on a single life basis and adjusted for the projected Social Security offset:

AVERAGE ANNUAL COMPENSATION	ANNUAL PENSION PAYABLE FOR LIFE AFTER SPECIFIED YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE				
IN HIGHEST 5 OF LAST 10 CALENDAR YEARS OF SERVICE	10 YEARS	20 YEARS	30 YEARS	40 YEARS	
\$100,000	\$ 18,300	\$ 36,700	\$ 55,000	\$ 70,000*	
150,000	28,800	57,700	86,500	105,000*	
200,000	39,300	78,700	118,000	140,000*	
250,000	49,800	99,700	149,500	175,000*	
300,000	60,300	120,700	181,000	210,000*	
350,000	70,800	141,700	212,500	245,000*	
400,000	81,300	162,700	244,000	280,000*	
450,000	91,800	183,700	275,500	315,000*	
500,000	102,300	204,700	307,000	350,000*	

 $\star$  Figures reduced to reflect the maximum limitation under the plans of 70% of compensation.

The above table does not reflect limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, on pensions paid under federal income tax qualified plans. However, an executive officer covered by the Corporation's unfunded program will receive the full pension to which he would be entitled in the absence of such limitations.

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENTS

Each named executive officer of the Corporation has signed an employment agreement which extended through June 30, 2000, with a one-year automatic extension upon each anniversary date, unless either party gives 30 days' notice that the agreement will not be further extended. Under the agreement, the officer agrees to perform the duties currently being performed in addition to other duties that may be assigned from time to time. The Corporation agrees to pay the officer a salary of not less than that of the previous year and to provide fringe benefits that are provided to all other salaried employees of the Corporation in comparable positions.

Each executive officer of the Corporation has signed a change in control employment agreement which guarantees the employee continued employment following a "change in control" on a basis equivalent to the employee's employment immediately prior to such change in terms of position, duties, compensation and benefits, as well as specified payments upon termination following a change in control. The Corporation currently has such agreements with the five named executive officers. Such agreements become effective only upon a defined change in control of the Corporation, or if the employee's employment is terminated upon, or in anticipation of such a change in control, and automatically supersede any existing employment agreement. Under the agreements, if during the employment term (three years from the change in control) the employee is terminated other than for "cause" or if the employee voluntarily terminates his employment for good reason or during a 30-day window period one year after a change in control, the employee is entitled to specified severance benefits, including a lump sum payment of three times the sum of the employee's annual salary and bonus and a "gross-up" payment which will, in general, effectively reimburse the employee for any amounts paid under federal excise taxes.

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#### AUDITORS

Arthur Andersen LLP served as independent auditors for the purpose of auditing the financial statements of the Corporation for fiscal 2000. A representative of Arthur Andersen LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if he desires to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. The Audit Committee will not choose independent auditors for fiscal 2001 until after the Annual Meeting.

### ANNUAL REPORT TO THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION ON FORM 10-K

The Corporation is required to file an annual report, called a Form 10-K, with the Commission. A copy of Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 2, 2000 will be made available, without charge, to any person entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Written request should be directed to Patrick J. Hansen, Office of the Corporate Secretary, STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION, 3333 West Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209.

### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals which shareholders intend to present at the 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received at the Corporation's principal offices in Milwaukee, Wisconsin no later than May 18, 2001 for inclusion in the proxy material for that meeting. Proposals submitted other than pursuant to Rule 14a-8 will be considered untimely if received after July 26, 2001 and the Corporation will not be required to present any such proposal at the 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. If the Board of Directors decides to present a proposal despite its untimeliness, the people named in the proxies solicited by the Board of Directors for the 2001 Annual Meeting of Shareholders will have the right to exercise discretionary voting power with respect to such proposal.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Directors of the Corporation know of no other matters to be brought before the meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, including any adjournment or adjournments thereof, it is intended that proxies received in response to this solicitation will be voted on such matters in the discretion of the person or persons named in the accompanying proxy form.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION

Patrick J. Hansen, Secretary

Milwaukee, Wisconsin September 15, 2000 17

PROXY

#### STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The undersigned hereby appoints Harold M. Stratton II and John G. Cahill, or either one of them, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, as proxy or proxies of the undersigned to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of STRATTEC SECURITY CORPORATION to be held on October 24, 2000 at 2 p.m., local time, at the Manchester East Hotel, 7065 North Port Washington Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217, and at any adjournment thereof, there to vote all shares of Common Stock which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present as specified upon the following matters and in their discretion upon such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (terms expiring at the 2003 Annual Meeting)

FOR all nominees listed below (except as marked to the contrary below)

WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for all nominees listed below

HAROLD M. STRATTON II AND ROBERT FEITLER

(INSTRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's name in the space provided below.)

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

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PROXY NO.

NO. OF SHARES

The undersigned hereby acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and accompanying Proxy Statement, ratifies all that said proxies or their substitutes may lawfully do by virtue hereof, and revokes all former proxies.

Please sign exactly as your name appears hereon, date and return this Proxy. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO ELECT THE NOMINATED DIRECTORS. IF OTHER MATTERS COME BEFORE THE MEETING, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BEST JUDGMENT OF THE PROXIES APPOINTED.

DATED:		·'	2000
(SIGNATURE	OF	SHAREHOLDER)	
(SIGNATURE	ΙF	JOINTLY HELD)	

If signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please add your full title as such. If shares are held by two or more persons, all holders must sign the Proxy.