

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 94-2819853

 (State of incorporation) (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. 1996 STOCK PLAN
 AUTODESK, INC. NONSTATUTORY STOCK OPTION PLAN
 AUTODESK, INC. 1998 EMPLOYEE QUALIFIED STOCK PURCHASE PLAN
 (Full title of the Plan)

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 Vice President,
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 General Counsel, and Secretary
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 111 McInnis Parkway
 San Rafael, CA 94903
 (415) 507-5000
 (Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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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.....				
- 1996 Stock Plan.....	1,700,421	\$24.813	\$ 42,192,546.27	
- Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan.....	2,000,000	\$24.813	\$ 49,626,000.00	
- 1998 Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan.....	971,669	\$24.813	\$ 24,110,022.90	
TOTAL.....	4,672,090	\$24.813	\$115,928,569.17	\$32,228.15

(1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the filing fee on the basis of \$24.813 per share, which represents the average of the high and the low prices reported on the Nasdaq National Market on June 15, 1999.
 (2) Amount of the Registration Fee was calculated pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

AUTODESK, INC.
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-8

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

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, 1999, filed pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act");
- (b) The Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed on March 31, 1999 pursuant to Section 13 of the 1934 Act, and as amended on May 28, 1999; and
- (c) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, as amended, filed on January 5, 1996, as amended on January 15, 1998 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.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

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.

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.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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	Amendment to the Preferred Shares Rights Agreement dated January 15, 1998 (incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Report on Form 8-A filed on January 15, 1998).
5.1	Opinion of Counsel as to legality of securities being registered.

Exhibit Number	Description
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
23.2	Consent of Counsel (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1	Power of Attorney (see Page II-5 of Registration Statement).
99.1	1996 Stock Plan.
99.2	1998 Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan.

Item 9. Undertakings.

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 18th day of June, 1999.

AUTODESK, INC.

By: /s/ CAROL A. BARTZ

 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 Marcia K. Sterling, 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.

Signature	Title	Date

/s/ CAROL A. BARTZ ----- (Carol A. Bartz)	Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	June 18, 1999
/s/ STEVE CAKEBREAD ----- (Steve Cakebread)	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 18, 1999
/s/ DAVID S. OPPENHEIMER ----- (David S. Oppenheimer)	Vice President, Finance (Principal Accounting Officer)	June 18, 1999
/s/ MARK A. BERTELSEN ----- (Mark A. Bertelsen)	Director	June 18, 1999
/s/ CRAWFORD W. BEVERIDGE ----- (Crawford W. Beveridge)	Director	June 18, 1999
/s/ J. HALLAM DAWSON ----- (J. Hallam Dawson)	Director	June 18, 1999
/s/ PAUL OTELLINI ----- (Paul Otellini)	Director	June 18, 1999
/s/ MARY ALICE TAYLOR ----- (Mary Alice Taylor)	Director	June 18, 1999
/s/ MORTON TOPFER ----- (Morton Topfer)	Director	June 18, 1999

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[LETTERHEAD OF WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI]

June 18, 1999

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 June 18, 1999 (the "Registration Statement"), in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of 1,700,421 additional shares of your Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Common Stock") under the 1996 Stock Plan, 2,000,000 additional shares of Common Stock under the Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, and 971,669 additional shares of Common Stock under the 1998 Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan (which Plans are referred to herein, collectively, as the "Plans" and which shares of Common Stock are referred to herein, collectively, 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 Plans.

It is our opinion that, when issued and sold in the manner referred to in the Plans, 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 ERNST & YOUNG LLP, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Autodesk, Inc. 1996 Stock Plan, the Autodesk, Inc. Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan, and the Autodesk, Inc. 1998 Employee Qualified Stock Option Plan, of our report dated February 22, 1999 (except for Note 12 which is dated March 16, 1999), with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Autodesk, Inc. included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 1999 and our report dated May 26, 1999 with respect to the supplemental consolidated financial statements and schedule of Autodesk, Inc. included in its Current Report on Form 8-K/A dated May 28, 1999, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

San Jose, California

June 18, 1999

AUTODESK, INC.
1996 STOCK PLAN

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

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

Options granted under the Plan may be Incentive Stock Options or Nonstatutory Stock Options, as determined by the Administrator at the time of grant. Stock Purchase Rights and Long-Term Performance Awards may also be granted under the Plan.

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

(a) "Administrator" means the Board or any of its Committees as shall be administering the Plan, in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(b) "Applicable Laws" means the legal requirements relating to the administration of stock option plans 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 or Stock Purchase Rights will be or are being granted under the Plan.

(c) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(d) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(e) "Committee" means a Committee appointed by the Board in accordance with Section 4 of the Plan.

(f) "Common Stock" means the Common Stock of the Company.

(g) "Company" means Autodesk, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

(h) "Continuous Status as an Employee" means that the employment relationship with the Company, its Parent, or any Subsidiary, is not interrupted or terminated. Continuous Status as an Employee shall not be considered interrupted in the case of (i) any leave of absence approved by the Company or (ii) transfers between locations of the Company or between the Company, its

Parent, any Subsidiary, or any successor. A leave of absence approved by the Company shall include sick leave, military leave, or any other personal leave approved by an authorized representative of the Company. For purposes of Incentive Stock Options, no such leave may exceed ninety days, unless reemployment upon expiration of such leave is guaranteed by statute or contract. If reemployment upon expiration of a leave of absence approved by the Company is not so guaranteed, on the 181st day of such leave any Incentive Stock Option held by the Optionee shall cease to be treated as an Incentive Stock Option and shall be treated for tax purposes as a Nonstatutory Stock Option.

(i) "Director" means a member of the Board.

(j) "Disability" means total and permanent disability as defined in

Section 22(e)(3) of the Code.

(k) "Employee" means any person, including Officers and Directors,

employed by the Company or any Parent or Subsidiary of the Company. Neither service as a Director nor payment of a director's fee by the Company shall be sufficient to constitute "employment" by the Company.

(l) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as

amended.

(m) "Fair Market Value" means, as of any date, the value of Common Stock

determined as follows:

(i) If the Common Stock is listed 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, its Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for such stock (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported) as quoted on such exchange or system for the date of such determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;

(ii) If the Common Stock is regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value of a Share of Common Stock shall be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Common Stock on the date of determination, as reported in The Wall Street Journal or such other source as the Administrator deems reliable;

(iii) In the absence of an established market for the Common Stock, the Fair Market Value shall be determined in good faith by the Administrator.

(n) "Incentive Stock Option" means an Option intended to qualify as an

incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(o) "Insiders" means individuals subject to Section 16 of the Exchange

Act.

- (p) "Long-Term Performance Award" means an award of cash or stock

pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan.
- (q) "Nonstatutory Stock Option" means an Option not intended to qualify

as an Incentive Stock Option.
- (r) "Notice of Grant" means a written or electronic notice evidencing

certain terms and conditions of an individual Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award grant. The Notice of Grant is part of the Option Agreement.
- (s) "Officer" means a person who is an officer of the Company within the

meaning of Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (t) "Option" means a stock option granted pursuant to the Plan.

- (u) "Option Agreement" means a written or electronic agreement between

the Company and 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.
- (v) "Optioned Stock" means the Common Stock subject to an Option, Stock

Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award.
- (w) "Optionee" means an Employee who holds an outstanding Option, Stock

Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award.
- (x) "Parent" means a "parent corporation," whether now or hereafter

existing, as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code.
- (y) "Plan" means this 1996 Stock Plan, as amended.

- (z) "Restricted Stock" means shares of Common Stock acquired pursuant to

a grant of Stock Purchase Rights under Section 11 below.
- (aa) "Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement" means a written agreement

between the Company and the Optionee evidencing the terms and restrictions applying to stock purchased under a Stock Purchase Right. The Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and the Notice of Grant.
- (bb) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act or any successor

to Rule 16b-3, as in effect when discretion is being exercised with respect to the Plan.
- (cc) "Section 16(b)" means Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act

of 1934, as amended.

(dd) "Share" means a share of the Common Stock, as adjusted in

accordance with Section 14 of the Plan.

(ee) "Stock Purchase Right" means the right to purchase Common Stock

pursuant to Section 11 of the Plan, as evidenced by a Notice of Grant.

(ff) "Subsidiary" means a "subsidiary corporation", whether now or

hereafter existing, as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code.

3. Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 14 of

the Plan, the maximum aggregate number of Shares which may be optioned and sold under the Plan is 3,500,000 shares, plus (a) an annual increase to be made on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year equal to the lesser of (i) 5,000,000 Shares, (ii) 3.5% of the Issued Shares (as defined below) on such date or (iii) a lesser amount determined by the Board, (b) any Shares which have been reserved but unissued under the Company's 1987 Stock Option Plan ("1987 Plan") as of the date of stockholder approval of the original adoption of this Plan not to exceed 3,000,000 Shares, and (c) any Shares returned to the 1987 Plan as a result of termination of options under the 1987 Plan not to exceed 9,000,000 Shares. "Issued Shares" shall mean the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding on such date plus any shares reacquired by the Company during the fiscal year that ends on such date.

If an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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); provided,

however, that Shares that have actually been issued under the Plan, whether upon exercise of an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, shall not be returned to the Plan and shall not become available for future distribution under the Plan, except that if Shares of Restricted Stock are repurchased by the Company at their original purchase price, and the original purchaser of such Shares did not receive any benefits of ownership of such Shares, such Shares shall become available for future grant under the Plan. For purposes of the preceding sentence, voting rights shall not be considered a benefit of Share ownership.

4. Administration of the Plan.

(a) Procedure.

(i) Multiple Administrative Bodies. If permitted by Rule 16b-3, the Plan may be administered by different bodies with respect to Directors, Officers who are not Directors, and Employees who are neither Directors nor Officers.

(ii) Administration With Respect to Directors and Officers Subject

to Section 16(b). With respect to Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term

Performance Award grants made to Employees who are also Officers or Directors subject to Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, the Plan shall be administered by (A) the Board, if the Board may administer the Plan in a manner

complying with the rules under Rule 16b-3 relating to the disinterested administration of employee benefit plans under which Section 16(b) exempt discretionary grants and awards of equity securities are to be made, or (B) a committee designated by the Board to administer the Plan, which committee shall be constituted to comply with the rules under Rule 16b-3 relating to the disinterested administration of employee benefit plans under which Section 16(b) exempt discretionary grants and awards of equity securities are to be made. Once appointed, such Committee shall continue to serve in its designated capacity until otherwise directed by the Board. From time to time 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 the rules under Rule 16b-3 relating to the disinterested administration of employee benefit plans under which Section 16(b) exempt discretionary grants and awards of equity securities are to be made.

(iii) Administration With Respect to Other Persons. With respect to

Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award grants made to Employees who are neither Directors nor Officers of the Company, the Plan shall be administered by (A) the Board or (B) 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,

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(n) of the Plan;

(ii) to select the Employees to whom Options, Stock Purchase Rights and Long-Term Performance Awards may be granted hereunder;

(iii) to determine whether and to what extent Options, Stock Purchase Rights and Long-Term Performance Awards or any combination thereof, are granted hereunder;

(iv) to determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option, Stock Purchase Right and Long-Term Performance Awards 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, Stock Purchase Rights or Long-Term Performance Awards 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Awards 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Awards (subject to Section 16(c) 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Awards previously granted by the Administrator;

(xi) to determine the terms and restrictions applicable to Options, Stock Purchase Rights, Long-Term Performance Awards and any Restricted Stock; and

(xii) 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, Stock Purchase Rights or Long-Term Performance Awards.

5. Eligibility. Incentive Stock Options, Nonstatutory Stock Options, Stock -----
Purchase Rights and Long-Term Performance Awards may be granted to Employees. If otherwise eligible, an Employee who has been granted an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Awards may be granted additional Options, Stock Purchase Rights or Long-Term Performance Awards.

6. Limitations.

(a) Each Option shall be designated in the written option agreement as either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonstatutory Stock Option. However, notwithstanding such designation, to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value of the Shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by the Optionee during any calendar year

(under all plans of the Company and any Parent or Subsidiary) exceeds \$100,000, such Options shall be treated as Nonstatutory Stock Options.

(b) Neither the Plan nor any Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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.

(c) The following limitations shall apply to grants of Options to Employees:

(i) No Employee shall be granted, in any fiscal year of the Company, Options to purchase more than 1,000,000 Shares.

(ii) In connection with his or her initial employment, an Employee may be granted Options to purchase up to an additional 1,000,000 Shares which shall not count against the limit set forth in subsection (i) above.

(iii) The foregoing limitations shall be adjusted proportionately in connection with any change in the Company's capitalization as described in Section 14.

(iv) If an Option is cancelled in the same fiscal year of the Company in which it was granted (other than in connection with a transaction described in Section 14), the cancelled Option will be counted against the limits set forth in subsections (i) and (ii) above.

7. Term of Plan. Subject to Section 20 of the Plan, the Plan shall become -----
effective upon the earlier to occur of its adoption by the Board or its approval by the stockholders of the Company as described in Section 20 of the Plan. It shall continue in effect for a term of ten (10) years unless terminated earlier under Section 16 of the Plan.

8. Term of Option. The term of each Option shall be stated in the Notice -----
of Grant; provided, however, that in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the term shall be ten (10) years from the date of grant or such shorter term as may be provided in the Notice of Grant.

9. Option Exercise Price and Consideration.

(a) Exercise Price. The per share exercise price for the Shares to be -----
issued pursuant to exercise of an Option shall be no less than 100% of the Fair Market Value per Share on the date of grant.

(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. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option, the Administrator shall determine the acceptable form of consideration at the time of grant. 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.

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

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 and the Notice of Grant.

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 stock certificate evidencing such Shares is 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 stockholder shall exist with respect to the Optioned Stock, notwithstanding the exercise of the Option. The Company shall issue (or cause to be issued) such stock certificate 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 stock certificate is issued, except as provided in Section 14 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 Relationship. Upon termination of an

Optionee's Continuous Status as an Employee, 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.

(c) Disability of Optionee. Upon termination of an Optionee's

Continuous Status as an Employee 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

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.

(e) Rule 16b-3. Options granted to individuals subject to Section 16 of

the Exchange Act (Insiders) must comply with the applicable provisions of Rule 16b-3 and shall contain such additional conditions or restrictions as may be required thereunder to qualify for the maximum exemption from Section 16 of the Exchange Act with respect to Plan transactions.

11. Stock Purchase Rights.

(a) Rights to Purchase. Stock Purchase Rights may be issued either

alone, in addition to, or in tandem with other awards granted under the Plan and/or cash awards made outside of the Plan. After the Administrator determines that it will offer Stock Purchase Rights under the Plan, it shall advise the offeree in writing or electronically, by means of a Notice of Grant, of the terms, conditions and restrictions related to the offer, including the number of Shares that the offeree shall be entitled to purchase, the price to be paid provided, however, that the purchase price shall not be less than the par value of the Company's Common Stock, and the time within which the offeree must accept such offer, which shall in no event exceed ninety (90) days from the later of (i) the date upon which the Administrator made the determination to grant the Stock Purchase Right, or (ii) the date the Notice of Grant of Stock Purchase Rights is delivered to the Executive. The offer shall be accepted by execution of a Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement in the form determined by the Administrator. The number of Shares subject to grants of Stock Purchase Rights shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of Shares authorized under the Plan.

(b) Repurchase Option. The Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement shall

grant the Company a repurchase option exercisable upon the voluntary or involuntary termination of the purchaser's employment with the Company for any reason (including Disability); provided, however, that such repurchase option shall terminate in the event of the death of the Purchaser. In all other cases, the repurchase option shall lapse at a rate determined by the Administrator; provided, however that, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no portion of the repurchase option shall lapse before the end of three years from the date of purchase of the Restricted Stock. The purchase price for Shares repurchased pursuant to the Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement shall be the original price paid by the purchaser and may be paid by cancellation of any indebtedness of the purchaser to the Company.

(c) Rule 16b-3. Stock Purchase Rights granted to Insiders, and Shares

purchased by Insiders in connection with Stock Purchase Rights, shall be subject to any restrictions applicable thereto in compliance with Rule 16b-3. An Insider may only purchase Shares pursuant to the grant of a Stock Purchase Right, and may only sell Shares purchased pursuant to the grant of a Stock Purchase Right, during such time or times as are permitted by Rule 16b-3.

(d) Other Provisions. The Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement shall

contain such other terms, provisions and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan as may be determined by the

Administrator in its sole discretion. In addition, the provisions of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreements need not be the same with respect to each purchaser.

(e) Rights as a Stockholder. Once the Stock Purchase Right is

exercised, the purchaser shall have the rights equivalent to those of a stockholder, and shall be a stockholder when his or her purchase is entered upon the records of the duly authorized transfer agent of the Company. No adjustment will be made for a dividend or other right for which the record date is prior to the date the Stock Purchase Right is exercised, except as provided in Section 14 of the Plan.

(f) Issuance of Shares. As soon as possible after full payment of the

purchase price, the Shares purchased shall be duly issued; provided, however, that the Administrator may require that the purchaser make adequate provision for any Federal and State withholding obligations of the Company as a condition to such purchase.

(g) Shares Available Under the Plan. Exercise of a Stock Purchase Right

in any manner shall result in a decrease in the number of Shares that thereafter shall be available for reissuance under the Plan.

(h) Stock Withholding to Satisfy Tax Obligations. The Administrator

may, in its discretion, permit a purchaser to satisfy any withholding tax obligation that arises in connection with the vesting of Shares by electing to have the Company withhold from such vested Shares that number of Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld. Elections by purchasers to have Shares withheld for this purpose shall be made in writing in a form acceptable to the Administrator and shall be subject to such restrictions and limitations as the Administrator may specify.

12. Long-Term Performance Awards.

(a) Awards. Long-Term Performance Awards are cash or stock bonus awards

that may be granted either independently or along with, in addition to or in tandem with other awards granted under the Plan and/or awards made outside of the Plan. Long-Term Performance Awards shall not require payment by the recipient of any consideration for the Long-Term Performance Award or for the Shares covered by such award. The Administrator shall determine the nature, length and starting date of any performance period (the "Performance Period") for each Long-Term Performance Award and shall determine the performance and/or employment factors to be used in the determination of the value of Long-Term Performance Awards and the extent to which such Long-Term Performance Awards have been earned. Shares issued pursuant to a Long-Term Performance Award may be made subject to various conditions, including vesting or forfeiture provisions. Long-Term Performance Awards may vary from participant to participant and between groups of participants and shall be based upon the achievement of Company, Subsidiary and/or individual performance factors or upon such other criteria as the Administrator may deem appropriate. Performance Periods may overlap and participants may participate simultaneously with respect to Long-Term Performance Awards that are subject to different Performance Periods and

different performance factors and criteria. Long-Term Performance Awards shall be confirmed by, and be subject to the terms of, a written Long-Term Performance Award agreement.

(b) Value of Awards. At the beginning of each Performance Period, the

Administrator may determine for each Long-Term Performance Award subject to such Performance Period the range of dollar values and/or numbers of Shares to be issued to the participant at the end of the Performance Period if and to the extent that the relevant measures of performance for such Long-Term Performance Award are met. Such dollar values or numbers of Shares may be fixed or may vary in accordance with such performance or other criteria as may be determined by the Administrator.

(c) Adjustment of Awards. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 16

hereof, the Administrator may, after the grant of Long-Term Performance Awards, adjust the performance factors applicable to such Long-Term Performance Awards to take into account changes in the law or in accounting or tax rules and to make such adjustments as the Administrator deems necessary or appropriate to reflect the inclusion or exclusion of the impact of extraordinary or unusual items, events or circumstances in order to avoid windfalls or hardships.

(d) Termination. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Long-Term

Performance Award agreement, if a participant terminates his or her employment or his or her consultancy during a Performance Period because of death or Disability, the Administrator may in its discretion provide for an earlier payment in settlement of such award, which payment may be in such amount and under such terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Long-Term Performance Award agreement, if a participant terminates employment or his or her consultancy during a Performance Period for any reason other than death or Disability, then such a participant shall not be entitled to any payment with respect to the Long-Term Performance Award subject to such Performance Period, unless the Administrator shall otherwise determine in its discretion.

(e) Form of Payment. The earned portion of a Long-Term Performance

Award may be paid currently or on a deferred basis (with such interest or earnings equivalent as may be determined by the Administrator). Payment shall be made in the form of cash or whole Shares (including Restricted Stock), or a combination thereof, either in a lump sum payment or in installments, all as the Administrator shall determine.

(f) Reservation of Shares. In the event that the Administrator grants a

Long-Term Performance Award that is payable in cash or Common Stock, the Administrator may (but need not) reserve an appropriate number of Shares under the Plan at the time of grant of the Long-Term Performance Award. If and to the extent that the full amount reserved is not actually paid in Common Stock, the Shares representing the portion of the reserve for that Long-Term Performance Award that is not actually issued in satisfaction of such Long-Term Performance Award shall again become available for award under the Plan. If Shares are not reserved by the Administrator at the time of grant, then (i) no Shares shall be deducted from the number of Shares available for grant

under the Plan at that time and (ii) at the time of payment of the Long-Term Performance Award, only the number of Shares actually issued to the participant shall be so deducted. If there are not a sufficient number of Shares available under the Plan for issuance to a participant at the time of payment of a Long-Term Performance Award, any shortfall shall be paid by the Company in cash.

(g) Rule 16b-3. Grants of Long-Term Performance Awards to Directors and

Officers must comply with the applicable provisions of Rule 16b-3 and such Long-Term Performance Awards shall contain such additional conditions or restrictions, if any, as may be required by Rule 16b-3 to be in the written agreement relating to such Long-Term Performance Awards in order to qualify for the maximum exemption from Section 16 of the Exchange Act with respect to Plan transactions.

13. Non-Transferability of Options, Stock Purchase Rights and Long-Term

Performance Awards. An Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance

Award 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.

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

Sale.

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

stockholders of the Company, the number of Shares covered by each outstanding Option, Long-Term Performance Award and Stock Purchase Right, and the number of Shares which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Options, Long-Term Performance Awards or Stock Purchase Rights have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, Long-Term Performance Award or Stock Purchase Right, as well as the price per Share covered by each such outstanding Option, Long-Term Performance Award or Stock Purchase Right, 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, Long-Term Performance Award or Stock Purchase Right.

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

dissolution 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 an Optionee to have the right to exercise his or her Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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 exercisable. In

addition, the Administrator may provide that any Company repurchase option applicable to any Shares purchased upon exercise of an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award shall lapse as to all such Shares, provided the proposed dissolution or liquidation takes place at the time and in the manner contemplated. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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 into another corporation, or the sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, each outstanding Option, Stock Purchase Right and Long-Term Performance Award 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, the Optionee shall have the right to exercise the Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award as to all of the Optioned Stock, including Shares as to which it would not otherwise be exercisable. If an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award shall be fully exercisable for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of such notice, and the Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award shall terminate upon the expiration of such period. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, for each Share of Optioned Stock subject to the Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, 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.

15. Date of Grant. The date of grant of an Option, Stock Purchase Right or

Long-Term Performance Award shall be, for all purposes, the date on which the Administrator makes the determination granting such Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, 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.

16. Amendment and Termination of the Plan.

(a) Amendment and Termination. The Board may at any time amend, alter,

suspend or terminate the Plan.

(b) Stockholder Approval. The Company shall obtain stockholder approval

of any Plan amendment to the extent necessary and desirable to comply with Rule 16b-3 or with Sections 162(m) or 422 of the Code (or any successor rule or statute or other applicable law, rule or regulation, including the requirements of any exchange or quotation system on which the Common Stock is listed or quoted). Such stockholder approval, if required, shall be obtained in such a manner and to such a degree as is required by the applicable law, rule or regulation.

(c) Effect of Amendment or Termination. No amendment, alteration,

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.

17. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares.

(a) Legal Compliance. Shares shall not be issued pursuant to the

exercise of an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award unless the exercise of such Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award and the issuance and delivery of such Shares shall comply with all relevant provisions of law, including, without limitation, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, 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

Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award, the Company may require the person exercising such Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award 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.

18. Liability of Company.

(a) Inability to Obtain Authority. The inability of the Company to

obtain authority 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.

(b) Grants Exceeding Allotted Shares. If the Optioned Stock covered by

an Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award exceeds, as of the date of grant, the number of Shares which may be issued under the Plan without additional stockholder approval, such Option, Stock Purchase Right or Long-Term Performance Award shall be void with respect to such excess Optioned Stock, unless stockholder approval of an amendment sufficiently increasing the number of Shares subject to the Plan is timely obtained in accordance with Section 16(b) of the Plan.

19. Reservation of Shares. The Company, during the term of this Plan, will

at all times reserve and keep available such number of Shares as shall be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of the Plan.

20. Stockholder Approval. Continuance of the Plan shall be subject to

approval by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months before or after the date the Plan is adopted. Such stockholder approval shall be obtained in the manner and to the degree required under applicable federal and state law.

AUTODESK, INC.

1998 EMPLOYEE QUALIFIED STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

The following constitute the provisions of the 1998 Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan (herein called the "Plan") of Autodesk, Inc. (herein called the "Company").

1. Purpose. The purpose of the Plan is to provide employees of the

Company and its Designated Subsidiaries with an opportunity to purchase Common Stock of the Company through accumulated payroll deductions. It is the intention of the Company to have the Plan qualify as an "Employee Stock Purchase Plan" under Section 423 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The provisions of the Plan shall, accordingly, be construed so as to extend and limit participation in a manner consistent with the requirements of that section of the Code.

2. Definitions.

(a) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

(b) "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) "Common Stock" shall mean the Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per

share, of the Company.

(d) "Company" shall mean Autodesk, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

(e) "Compensation" shall mean all regular straight time earnings,

payments for overtime, shift premium and targeted commissions, but exclusive of any incentive compensation, incentive payments, bonuses, or other compensation.

(f) "Continuous Status as an Employee" shall mean the absence of any

interruption or termination of service as an Employee. Continuous Status as an Employee shall not be considered interrupted in the case of a leave of absence agreed to in writing by the Company, provided that such leave is for a period of not more than 90 days or reemployment upon the expiration of such leave is guaranteed by contract or statute.

(g) "Designated Subsidiaries" shall mean the Subsidiaries which have

been designated by the Board from time to time in its sole discretion as eligible to participate in the Plan.

(h) "Employee" shall mean any person, including an officer, who is

customarily employed for at least twenty (20) hours per week and more than five (5) months in a calendar year by the Company or one of its Designated Subsidiaries.

(i) "Exercise Date" shall mean the date one day prior to the date six

(6) months, twelve (12) months, eighteen (18) months or twenty-four (24) months after the Offering Date of each Offering Period.

(j) "Exercise Period" shall mean a period commencing on an Offering

Date or on the day after an Exercise Date and terminating one day prior to the date six (6) months later.

(k) "Offering Period" shall mean a period of twenty-four (24) months

consisting of four (4) six-month Exercise Periods during which options granted pursuant to the Plan may be exercised.

(l) "Offering Date" shall mean the first day of each Offering Period

of the Plan.

(m) "Plan" shall mean this 1998 Employee Qualified Stock Purchase

Plan.

(n) "Subsidiary" shall mean a corporation, domestic or foreign, of

which not less than 50% of the voting shares are held by the Company or a Subsidiary, whether or not such corporation now exists or is hereafter organized or acquired by the Company or a Subsidiary.

3. Eligibility.

(a) Any Employee as defined in paragraph 2 who shall be employed by the Company on the Offering Date shall be eligible to participate in the Plan, subject to limitations imposed by Section 423(b) of the Code.

(b) Any provisions of the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, no Employee shall be granted an option under the Plan (i) if, immediately after the grant, such Employee (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such Employee pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own stock and/or hold outstanding options to purchase stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company, or (ii) which permits such Employee's rights to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans of the Company and its subsidiaries to accrue at a rate which exceeds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) of fair market value of such stock (determined at the time such option is granted) for each calendar year in which such option is outstanding at any time.

4. Offering Periods. The Plan shall be implemented by twenty-four (24)

month Offering Periods beginning every six (6) months, until terminated in accordance with Section 20 hereof; provided that, the first Offering Period shall begin on the first business day after the Company's Special Meeting on March 31, 1998. The Board of Directors of the Company shall have the power to change the duration of offering periods with respect to future offerings without stockholder approval if such change is

announced at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled beginning of the first offering period to be affected.

5. Participation.

(a) An eligible Employee may become a participant in the Plan by completing a subscription agreement authorizing payroll deductions on the form provided by the Company and filing it with the Company's payroll office at least one week prior to the applicable Offering Date, unless a later time for filing the subscription agreement is set by the Board for all eligible Employees with respect to a given offering.

(b) Payroll deductions for a participant shall continue at the rate specified in the subscription agreement throughout the Offering Period with automatic re-enrollment for the Offering Period which commences the day after the Exercise Date at the same rate specified in the original subscription agreement, subject to any change in subscription rate made pursuant to Section 6(c), unless sooner terminated by the participant as provided in Section 10.

6. Payroll Deductions.

(a) At the time a participant files his or her subscription agreement, such participant shall elect to have payroll deductions made on each payday during the offering period in an amount not exceeding fifteen percent (15%) of his or her Compensation on each payroll date. The aggregate of such payroll deductions during any offering period shall not exceed fifteen percent (15%) of his or her aggregate Compensation during said offering period.

(b) All payroll deductions made by a participant shall be credited to his or her account under the Plan. A participant may not make any additional payments into such account.

(c) A participant may discontinue his or her participation in the Plan as provided in Section 11, or may increase or decrease the rate of his or her payroll deductions at any time during the Offering Period by completing or filing with the Company a form provided by the Company notifying the payroll office of such withdrawal or reduction of withholding rate. The change in rate shall be effective as of the next pay date following receipt of the form or at such other time as the Company and the participant may agree.

7. Grant of Option.

(a) On the Offering Date of each Offering Period, each eligible Employee participating in the Plan shall be granted an option to purchase on each Exercise Date during such Offering Period (at the per share option price) up to a number of shares of the Company's Common Stock determined by dividing such Employee's payroll deductions to be accumulated prior to such Exercise Date by the lower of (i) eighty-five percent (85%) of the fair market

value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Offering Date or (ii) eighty-five percent (85%) of the fair market value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Exercise Date; provided that in no event shall an Employee be permitted to purchase during an Offering Period a number of shares in excess of a number determined by dividing \$50,000 by the fair market value of a share of the Company's Common Stock on the Offering Date, subject to the limitations set forth in Sections 3(b) and 13 hereof. Fair market value of a share of the Company's Common Stock shall be determined as provided in Section 7(b) herein.

(b) The option price per share of the shares offered in a given Exercise Period shall be the lower of: (i) 85% of the fair market value of a share of the Common Stock of the Company on the Offering Date; or (ii) 85% of the fair market value of a share of the Common Stock of the Company on the Exercise Date. The fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on a given date shall be the closing price as quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.'s National Market or, if traded on a securities exchange, the closing price on such exchange.

8. Exercise of Option. Unless a participant withdraws from the Plan as

provided in Section 11, his or her option for the purchase of shares will be exercised automatically on each Exercise Date of the Offering Period, and the maximum number of full shares subject to option will be purchased for him or her at the applicable option price with the accumulated payroll deductions in his or her account. During his or her lifetime, a participant's option to purchase shares hereunder is exercisable only by him or her.

9. Delivery. As promptly as practicable after the Exercise Date of each

offering, the Company shall arrange the delivery to each participant, as appropriate, of a certificate representing the shares purchased upon exercise of his or her option. Any cash remaining which is insufficient to purchase a full share of Common Stock at the termination of each Exercise Period shall be applied to such participant's account in the subsequent Exercise Period unless the participant requests withdrawal of such cash.

10. Automatic Transfer to Low Price Offering Period. In the event that

the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock is lower on an Exercise Date than it was on the first Offering Date for that Offering Period, all Employees participating in the Plan on the Exercise Date shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Offering Period immediately after the exercise of their option on such Exercise Date and to have enrolled as participants in a new Offering Period which begins on or about the day following such Exercise Date. A participant may elect to remain in the previous Offering Period by filing a written statement declaring such election with the Company prior to the time of the automatic change to the new Offering Period.

11. Withdrawal; Termination of Employment.

(a) A participant may withdraw all but not less than all the payroll deductions credited to his or her account under the Plan at any time prior to the Exercise Date of the Offering Period by giving written notice to the Company. All of the participant's payroll deductions credited to his or her account will be paid to him or her at the next pay date after receipt of his or her notice of withdrawal

and his or her option for the current period will be automatically terminated, and no further payroll deductions for the purchase of shares will be made during the Offering Period.

(b) Upon termination of the participant's Continuous Status as an Employee prior to the Exercise Date for any reason, including retirement or death, the payroll deductions credited to his or her account will be returned to the participant's or, in the case the of participant's death, to the person or persons entitled thereto under Section 15, and his or her option will be automatically terminated.

(c) A participant's withdrawal from an offering will not have any effect upon his or her eligibility to participate in a succeeding offering or in any similar plan which may hereafter be adopted by the Company.

12. Interest. No interest shall accrue on the payroll deductions of a

participant in the Plan.

13. Stock.

(a) The maximum number of shares of the Company's Common Stock which shall be made available for sale under the Plan shall be 2,000,000 shares, plus an annual increase to be made on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year equal to the lesser of (i) 2,500,000 shares, (ii) 2% of the Issued Shares (as defined below) on such date or (iii) a lesser amount determined by the Board, subject to adjustment upon changes in capitalization of the Company as provided in Section 19 hereof. "Issued Shares" shall mean the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company outstanding on such date plus any shares reacquired by the Company during the fiscal year that ends on such date. If the total number of shares which would otherwise be subject to options granted pursuant to Section 7(a) hereof on the Exercise Date of an Offering Period exceeds the number of shares then available under the Plan (after deduction of all shares for which options have been exercised or are then outstanding), the Company shall make a pro rata allocation of the shares remaining available for option grant in as uniform a manner as shall be practicable and as it shall determine to be equitable. In such event, the Company shall give written notice of such reduction of the number of shares subject to the option to each Employee affected thereby and shall similarly reduce the rate of payroll deductions, if necessary.

(b) The participant will have no interest or voting right in shares covered by his or her option until such option has been exercised.

(c) Shares to be delivered to a participant under the Plan will be registered in the name of the participant or in the name of the participant and his or her spouse.

14. Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Board of

Directors of the Company or a committee appointed by the Board. The administration, interpretation or application of the Plan by the Board or its committee shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all participants. Members of the Board who are eligible Employees are permitted to participate in the Plan, provided that:

(a) Members of the Board who are eligible to participate in the Plan may not vote on any matter affecting the administration of the Plan or the grant of any option pursuant to the Plan.

(b) If a Committee is established to administer the Plan, no member of the Board who is eligible to participate in the Plan may be a member of the Committee.

15. Designation of Beneficiary.

(a) A participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any shares and cash, if any, from the participant's account under the Plan in the event of such participant's death subsequent to the end of the offering period but prior to delivery to such participant of such shares and cash. In addition, a participant may file a written designation of a beneficiary who is to receive any cash from the participant's account under the Plan in the event of such participant's death prior to the Exercise Date of the offering period.

(b) Such designation of beneficiary may be changed by the participant at any time by written notice. In the event of the death of a participant and in the absence of a beneficiary validly designated under the Plan who is living at the time of such participant's death, the Company shall deliver such shares and/or cash to the executor or administrator of the estate of the participant, or if no such executor or administrator has been appointed (to the knowledge of the Company), the Company, in its discretion, may deliver such shares and/or cash to the spouse or to any one or more dependents or relatives of the participant, or if no spouse, dependent or relative is known to the Company, then to such other person as the Company may designate.

16. Transferability. Neither payroll deductions credited to a

participant's account nor any rights with regard to the exercise of an option or to receive shares under the Plan may be assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise disposed of in any way (other than by will, the laws of descent and distribution or as provided in Section 15 hereof) by the participant. Any such attempt at assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition shall be without effect, except that the Company may treat such act as an election to withdraw funds in accordance with Section 11.

17. Use of Funds. All payroll deductions received or held by the Company

under the Plan may be used by the Company for any corporate purpose, and the Company shall not be obligated to segregate such payroll deductions.

18. Reports. Individual accounts will be maintained for each participant

in the Plan. Statements of account will be given to participating Employees annually promptly following the Exercise Date, which statements will set forth the amounts of payroll deductions, the per share purchase price, the number of shares purchased and the remaining cash balance, if any.

19. Adjustments Upon Changes in Capitalization. Subject to any required

action by the stockholders of the Company, the number of shares of Common Stock covered by each option under the Plan which has not yet been exercised and the number of shares of Common Stock which have been

authorized for issuance under the Plan but have not yet been placed under option (collectively, the "Reserves"), as well as the price per share of Common Stock covered by each option under the Plan which has not yet been exercised, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued shares of Common Stock resulting from a stock split or the payment of a stock dividend (but only on the Common Stock) or any other increase or decrease in the number of shares of Common Stock 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 issue 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 of Common Stock subject to an option.

In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the offering period will terminate immediately prior to the consummation of such proposed action, unless otherwise provided by the Board. In the event of a proposed sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the merger of the Company with or into another corporation, each option under the Plan shall be assumed or an equivalent option shall be substituted by such successor corporation or a parent or subsidiary of such successor corporation, unless the Board determines, in the exercise of its sole discretion and in lieu of such assumption or substitution, that the participant shall have the right to exercise the option as to all of the optioned stock, including shares as to which the option would not otherwise be exercisable. If the Board makes an option fully exercisable in lieu of assumption or substitution in the event of a merger or sale of assets, the Board shall notify the participant that the option shall be fully exercisable for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of such notice, and the option will terminate upon the expiration of such period.

The Board may, if it so determines in the exercise of its sole discretion, also make provision for adjusting the Reserves, as well as the price per share of Common Stock covered by each outstanding option, in the event that the Company effects one or more reorganizations, recapitalizations, rights offerings or other increases or reductions of shares of its outstanding Common Stock.

20. Amendment or Termination. The Board of Directors of the Company may

at any time terminate or amend the Plan. No such termination can affect options previously granted, nor may an amendment make any change in any option theretofore granted which adversely affects the rights of any participant. In addition, to the extent necessary to comply with Rule 16b-3 under the Act or under Section 423 of the Code (or any successor rule or provision or any other applicable law or regulation), the Company shall obtain stockholder approval in such a manner and to such a degree as so required.

21. Notices. All notices or other communications by a participant to the

Company under or in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have been duly given when received in the form specified by the Company at the location, or by the person, designated by the Company for the receipt thereof.

22. Stockholder Approval.

(a) Continuance of the Plan shall be subject to approval by the stockholders of the Company within twelve (12) months before or after the date the Plan is adopted. If such stockholder approval is obtained at a duly held stockholders' meeting, it must be obtained by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Company, or if such stockholder approval is obtained by written consent, it must be obtained by the unanimous written consent of all stockholders of the Company; provided, however, that approval at a meeting or by written consent may be obtained by a lesser degree of stockholder approval if the Board determines, in its discretion after consultation with the Company's legal counsel, that such a lesser degree of stockholder approval will comply with all applicable laws and will not adversely affect the qualification of the Plan under Section 423 of the Code.

(b) If and in the event that the Company registers any class of equity securities pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, any required approval of the stockholders of the Company obtained after such registration shall be solicited substantially in accordance with Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(c) If any required approval by the stockholders of the Plan itself or of any amendment thereto is solicited at any time otherwise than in the manner described in paragraph 21(b) hereof, then the Company shall, at or prior to the first annual meeting of stockholders held subsequent to the later of (1) the first registration of any class of equity securities of the Company under Section 12 of the Exchange Act or (2) the granting of an option hereunder to an officer or director after such registration, do the following:

(i) furnish in writing to the holders entitled to vote for the Plan substantially the same information which would be required (if proxies to be voted with respect to approval or disapproval of the Plan or amendment were then being solicited) by the rules and regulations in effect under Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act at the time such information is furnished; and

(ii) file with, or mail for filing to, the Securities and Exchange Commission four copies of the written information referred to in subsection (i) hereof not later than the date on which such information is first sent or given to stockholders.

23. Conditions Upon Issuance of Shares. Shares shall not be issued with

respect to an option unless the exercise of such option and the issuance and delivery of such shares pursuant thereto shall comply with all applicable provisions of law, domestic or foreign, including, without limitation, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and the requirements of any stock exchange upon which the shares may then be listed, and shall be further subject to the approval of counsel for the Company with respect to such compliance.

As a condition to the exercise of an 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 by any of the aforementioned applicable provisions of law.

24. Term of Plan. The Plan shall become effective upon the earlier to

occur of its adoption by the Board of Directors or its approval by the stockholders of the Company as described in paragraph 22. It shall continue in effect for a term of twenty (20) years unless sooner terminated under paragraph 20.

AUTODESK, INC.

EMPLOYEE QUALIFIED STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

___ Original Application Date: _____
___ Change in Payroll Deduction Rate
___ Change of Beneficiary(ies)

1. _____ hereby elects to participate in the Autodesk, Inc. Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan (the "Stock Purchase Plan") and subscribes to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock, without par value, in accordance with this Subscription Agreement and the Stock Purchase Plan.
2. I hereby authorize payroll deductions from each paycheck in the amount of ___% (maximum 15%) of my Compensation on each payday during the Offering Period in accordance with the Stock Purchase Plan. Such deductions are to continue for succeeding Offering Periods until I give written instructions for a change in or termination of such deductions.
3. I understand that said payroll deductions shall be accumulated for the purchase of shares of Common Stock, without par value, at the applicable purchase price determined in accordance with the Stock Purchase Plan. I further understand that, except as otherwise set forth in the Stock Purchase Plan, shares will be purchased for me automatically on each Exercise Date of the offering period unless I otherwise withdraw from the Stock Purchase Plan by giving written notice to the Company for such purpose.
4. I have received a copy of the complete "Autodesk, Inc. Employee Qualified Stock Purchase Plan." I understand that my participation in the Stock Purchase Plan is in all respects subject to the terms of the Plan. I have been provided with a prospectus describing the Stock Purchase Plan. I understand that I may withdraw from the Stock Purchase Plan and have payroll deductions refunded (without interest) on the next payroll date following notice of withdrawal at any time during the Offering Period.
5. Shares purchased for me under the Stock Purchase Plan should be issued in the name(s) of:

6. I understand that if I dispose of any shares received by me pursuant to the Stock Purchase Plan within 2 years after the Offering Date (the first day of the offering period during which I purchased such shares) or within one year after the date on which such shares were transferred to me, I will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having received ordinary income at the time of such disposition in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time such shares were transferred to me over the price which I paid for the shares,

and that I may be required to provide income tax withholding on that amount. I hereby agree to notify the Company in writing within 30 days

after the date of any such disposition. However, if I dispose of such

shares at any time after the expiration of the two-year and one-year holding periods, I understand that I will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having received income only at the time of such disposition, and that such income will be treated as ordinary income only to the extent of an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of such disposition over the purchase price which I paid for the shares under the option, or (2) the excess of the fair market value of the shares over the option price, measured as if the option had been exercised on the Offering Date. The remainder of the gain or loss, if any, recognized on such disposition will be treated as capital gain or loss. The federal income tax treatment of ordinary income and capital gain and loss is described in the Company's prospectus relating to the Stock Purchase Plan.

- 7. I hereby agree to be bound by the terms of the Stock Purchase Plan. The effectiveness of this Subscription Agreement is dependent upon my eligibility to participate in the Stock Purchase Plan.
- 8. In the event of my death, I hereby designate the following as my beneficiary(ies) to receive all payments and shares due me under the Stock Purchase Plan:

NAME: (Please print) _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Relationship _____
(Address) _____

NAME: (Please print) _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Relationship _____
(Address) _____

Employee's Social Security Number: _____

Employee's Address:** _____

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT THROUGHOUT SUCCESSIVE OFFERING PERIODS UNLESS TERMINATED BY ME.

Dated: _____
Signature of Employee

** It is the participant's responsibility to notify the Company's stock administrator in the event of a change of address.