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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

REX STORES CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

31-1095548  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

2875 Needmore Road, Dayton, Ohio  
(Address of principal executive offices)

45414  
(Zip Code)

REX STORES CORPORATION  
1998 NONQUALIFIED EXECUTIVE STOCK OPTION PLAN  
(Full title of the plan)

Stuart Rose  
Chairman  
REX Stores Corporation  
2875 Needmore Road  
Dayton, Ohio 45414  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(937) 276-3931  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price
Common Stock, \$.01 par value . .	650,000 shares	\$9.9375	\$6,459,375
Amount of Registration Fee			
			\$1,795.71

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The information required by Part I to be contained in the Section 10(a) prospectus is omitted from this registration statement in accordance with Rule 428 and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed by REX Stores Corporation (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated by reference in this registration statement:

1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended January 31, 1998.
2. The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended April 30, July 31 and October 31, 1998.
3. The description of the shares of Common Stock of the Company contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 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 a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

The legality of the shares of Common Stock offered pursuant to the Company's 1998 Nonqualified Executive Stock Option Plan is being passed upon for the Company by Chernesky, Heyman & Kress P.L.L., Dayton, Ohio. Edward Kress, a partner of Chernesky, Heyman & Kress P.L.L., is Secretary and a director of the Company. Mr. Kress owns 20,001 shares of Common Stock and holds options to acquire 30,625 shares of Common Stock for his own account, and holds 26,960 shares of Common Stock as co-trustee of two trusts in which he has no pecuniary interest. Other members of Chernesky, Heyman & Kress P.L.L. own a total of 150 shares of Common Stock.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Article VII of the registrant's By-laws provides that it shall indemnify its officers and directors to the extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended, provides that a corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. Section 145 further provides that a corporation similarly may indemnify any such person serving in any such capacity who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Under Section 145, a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or who, while serving in such capacity, is or was at the request of the corporation a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or legal entity, against any liability asserted against or incurred by such person in any such capacity whether or not the corporation would have the power to provide indemnity under Section 145. The registrant maintains directors and officers liability insurance coverage.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (relating to unlawful payment of dividends and unlawful stock purchase and redemption) or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. The registrant's Certificate of Incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, directors of the registrant shall not be liable to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index at page 8.

Item 9. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

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

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3, Form S-8 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

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

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

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or 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.

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

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Dayton, State of Ohio, on December 17, 1998.

REX STORES CORPORATION

By:STUART ROSE  
Stuart Rose, Chairman of the Board

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	Capacity	Date
STUART ROSE Stuart Rose	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)	
DOUGLAS BRUGGEMAN Douglas Bruggeman	Vice President Finance and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)	
LAWRENCE TOMCHIN* Lawrence Tomchin	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	
EDWARD KRESS 1998 Edward Kress	Secretary and Director	December 17,
ROBERT DAVIDOFF* Robert Davidoff	Director	
LEE FISHER* Lee Fisher	Director	

\*By: STUART ROSE  
Stuart Rose, Attorney-in-Fact



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\* Filed herewith.

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement of our report dated March 26, 1998 included in the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended January 31, 1998.

Arthur Andersen LLP

Dayton, Ohio  
December 17, 1998

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, in his capacity as a director or officer, or both, of REX Stores Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Stuart A. Rose and Edward M. Kress, or any one of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 covering 650,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, to be issued pursuant to the Company's 1998 Nonqualified Executive Stock Option Plan, and to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and any one of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents or any one of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument on this 18th day of November, 1998.

LAWRENCE TOMCHIN

Lawrence Tomchin

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned, in his capacity as a director or officer, or both, of REX Stores Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), hereby constitutes and appoints Stuart A. Rose and Edward M. Kress, or any one of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 covering 650,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, to be issued pursuant to the Company's 1998 Nonqualified Executive Stock Option Plan, and to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) thereto, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, and any one of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorneys-in-fact and agents or any one of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument on this 12th day of November, 1998.

ROBERT DAVIDOFF

Robert Davidoff

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this instrument on this 18th day of November, 1998.

LEE FISHER

Lee Fisher