

AVNET INC  
Form S-8  
January 21, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**AVNET, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**New York**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**2211 South 47th Street**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85034**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices  
Including Zip Code)

**11-1890605**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**AVNET EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**  
(Full Title of the Plans)

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**David R. Birk**  
**Senior Vice President and General Counsel**  
**Avnet, Inc.**  
**2211 South 47th Street**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85034**  
**(480) 643-2000**

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**David I. Schiller, Esq.**  
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**Dallas, Texas 75201**  
**(214) 698-3100**

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

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**(480) 643-2000**  
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

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<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share</b>	<b>1,000,000 shares</b>	<b>\$23.58</b>	<b>\$23,580,000</b>	<b>\$1,907.62</b>

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(1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), there is also being registered such additional shares of Common Stock that become available under the foregoing plan in connection with changes in the number of outstanding Common Stock because of events such as recapitalizations, stock dividends, stock splits and reverse stock splits, and any other securities with respect

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to which the outstanding Shares are converted or exchanged.

- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The registration fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act based upon the average of the high and low prices for the Common Stock on January 13, 2004, which was \$23.58.
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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is filed by Avnet, Inc., a New York corporation (the Registrant or the Company), to register an additional 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, par value \$1.00 per share (the Common Stock), that may be issued pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (the Plan).

In accordance with the provisions of General Instruction E of Form S-8, Avnet, Inc. hereby incorporates by reference the contents of Avnet, Inc.'s currently effective Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Registration No. 33-62583 (including any amendments thereto), Registration No. 333-84671 and Registration No. 333-101039).

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Certain matters with respect to the shares of Common Stock being registered hereunder are being passed upon by David R. Birk, Esq., whose opinion is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Registration Statement. Mr. Birk is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Registrant and the beneficial owner of 211,809 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, including 201,250 shares issuable upon exercise of employee stock options.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5.1	Opinion of David R. Birk, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Avnet, Inc.
23.1	Consent of David R. Birk, Esq. (contained in Exhibit 5.1)
23.2	Consent of KPMG LLP
23.3	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
23.4	Notice Regarding Consent of Arthur Andersen LLP
24.1	Powers of Attorney

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Director

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Gary L. Tooker

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**Signature**

**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_  
/s/ Raymond Sadowski

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Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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Raymond Sadowski

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/s/ John F. Cole

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Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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John F. Cole

\*By: /s/ Raymond Sadowski

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Raymond Sadowski  
Attorney-in-Fact

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