

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 INITIAL STATEMENT OF
 BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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EXPIRES:
SEPTEMBER 30, 1998
ESTIMATED AVERAGE
BURDEN HOURS
PER RESPONSE 0.5

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Deering Joseph

(Last) (First) (Middle)

c/o Rayovac Corporation, 601 Rayovac Drive

(Street)

Madison WI 53711-2497

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)

July 17, 1998

3. IRS OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OF REPORTING PERSON (VOLUNTARY)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Rayovac Corporation (ROV)

5. RELATIONSHIP OF REPORTING PERSON(S) TO ISSUER (CHECK ALL APPLICABLE)

- DIRECTOR
- 10% OWNER
- OFFICER (GIVE TITLE BELOW)
- OTHER (SPECIFY TITLE BELOW)

6. IF AMENDMENT, DATE OF ORIGINAL (MONTH/DAY/YEAR)

7. INDIVIDUAL OR JOINT/GROUP FILING (CHECK APPLICABLE LINE)

- FORM FILED BY ONE REPORTING PERSON
- FORM FILED BY MORE THAN ONE REPORTING PERSON

TABLE I - NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED

1. TITLE OF SECURITY (INSTR. 4)	2. AMOUNT OF SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED (INSTR. 4)	3. OWNERSHIP FORM DIRECT OR INDIRECT (I) (INSTR. 5)	4. NATURE OF INDIRECT BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP (INSTR. 5)
[TYPE ENTRIES HERE]			

TABLE II - DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED
 (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Stock Option

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

July , 1998

July , 2008

Date Exercisable

Expiration Date

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share 2,000

Title

Amount of Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

\$21.438 per share

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct(D) or Indirect(I) (Instr. 5)

D

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

EXPLANATION OF RESPONSES:

/s/ Joseph W. Deering

July 27, 1998

** SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON

DATE

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