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Twin Disc, Incorporated  
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TWIN DISC, INCORPORATED  
1328 Racine Street, Racine, Wisconsin 53403

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
OCTOBER 15, 2004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE  
SHAREHOLDERS OF TWIN DISC, INCORPORATED

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Twin Disc, Incorporated, a Wisconsin corporation, will be held at 2 P.M. (Central Daylight Time) on Friday, October 15, 2004, at the Corporate Offices, 1328 Racine Street, Racine, Wisconsin for the following purposes:

1. Election of three Directors to serve until the Annual Meeting in 2007.
2. Approval of the Twin Disc, Incorporated, 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.
3. Approval of the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
4. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Only holders of record of shares of common stock of the Corporation at the close of business on August 27, 2004, shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

A proxy appointment and proxy statement are enclosed herewith. The proxy appointment shows the form in which your shares are registered. Your signature should be in the same form.

FRED H. TIMM  
Secretary

September 15, 2004

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON, PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN YOUR PROXY APPOINTMENT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE BEFORE THE DEADLINE STATED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT. IF YOUR PROXY APPOINTMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY BEFORE THAT DEADLINE, IT WILL BE RULED INVALID. SHOULD YOU FIND IT CONVENIENT TO ATTEND THE MEETING PERSONALLY, AND DESIRE TO VOTE IN PERSON, YOU MAY REQUEST BEFORE ANY VOTE THAT YOUR PROXY APPOINTMENT BE RETURNED TO YOU IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!  
PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN  
THE ENCLOSED PROXY APPOINTMENT  
IMMEDIATELY.

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2004 Proxy Statement  
TWIN DISC, INCORPORATED  
September 15, 2004

### DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of the Corporation of proxies for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 2 P.M. (Central Daylight Time), at the Corporate Offices, 1328 Racine Street, Racine, Wisconsin on Friday, October 15, 2004, or any adjournment thereof. Holders of common stock of record at the close of business on the 27th day of August 2004, are entitled to vote at the meeting and each shareholder shall have one vote for each share of common stock registered in the shareholder's name. Shares represented by a signed proxy appointment will be voted in the manner specified in the form of proxy or, if no specification is made, in favor of each of the propositions mentioned therein. The presence of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Corporation, either in person or represented by a signed proxy appointment, will constitute a quorum at the meeting. The Corporation intends to mail this statement to shareholders on or about September 15, 2004.

The enclosed proxy appointment form must be signed and delivered to the Secretary either in person, by mail, or by messenger. Appointment forms transmitted by facsimile, telex, telegram, or electronic means will not be accepted. Furthermore, appointment forms must be received by the Secretary not less than 48 hours prior to the date of the meeting. PROXY APPOINTMENT FORMS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RULED INVALID.

The proxy appointment form must be signed in handwriting. The signature must be sufficiently legible to allow the inspector to distinguish it as representing the name of the registered shareholder, or must be accompanied by a rubber stamp facsimile or hand-printed name, including the shareholder's surname and either the shareholder's first or middle name as represented on the corporate records, and any titles, offices or words indicating agency which appear in the Corporate records.

The person giving the proxy may revoke it before it is exercised, either in person, by mail, or by messenger, by submitting a later dated proxy appointment form to the Secretary at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the meeting. The person giving the proxy may also revoke it by openly stating the revocation at the meeting, by voting at the meeting in person, or by delivering a signed written statement revoking the proxy to the Secretary prior to the date of the meeting. Appointment forms or revocations transmitted by facsimile, telex, telegram, or electronic means will not be accepted. ANY ATTEMPTED REVOCATIONS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RULED INVALID.

The record date with respect to this solicitation is August 27, 2004. On August 27, 2004, there were outstanding 2,867,342 shares of common stock of the Corporation entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. There also are 200,000 shares of no-par preferred stock authorized, of which 50,000 shares have been designated Series A Junior Preferred Stock, but none are outstanding.

### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2005

If a shareholder wishes to present a proposal for consideration for inclusion in the Notice of the Meeting and Proxy Statement for the 2005 Annual Meeting, the proposal must be received at the Corporation's principal executive offices no later than May 18, 2005. Shareholder proposals received later than August 2, 2005 will be considered untimely, and will not be

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considered at the Corporation's 2005 Annual Meeting.

### PERSONS MAKING THE SOLICITATION

The proxy is being solicited by the Corporation's Board of Directors and will be voted in favor of the Directors' recommendations on each and all matters properly brought before the meeting, unless the undersigned shareholder specifically instructs the holder or holders of the proxy to the contrary.

### VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OR ELECTION AND HOW VOTES WILL BE COUNTED

With respect to the election of directors, votes may be cast in favor or withheld. Votes that are withheld will be excluded entirely from the vote and will have no effect. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting (assuming a quorum is present) shall be required for the election of directors.

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With respect to the approval of the Twin Disc, Incorporated, 2004 Stock Incentive Plan and the 2004 Stock Incentive Plan for Non-Employee Directors, votes may be cast in favor or against, or shareholders may abstain from voting. The affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at the annual meeting (assuming a quorum is present) shall be required for the approval of each of the plans.

Abstentions may be specified on all proposals submitted to shareholders, other than for the election of directors. Abstentions will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting, but shall not be counted as voted shares for purposes of the meeting.

In certain instances, brokers who hold shares in street name for customers may have authority to vote on certain items when they have not received instructions from the beneficial owners of the shares. With respect to routine matters, including the election of directors, brokers may vote their shares without specific instructions from the beneficial owners. However, under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, brokers who hold shares in street name are not permitted to vote on certain non-routine matters, including the adoption of stock-based compensation plans, without specific instructions from the beneficial owners of the shares. A "broker non-vote" occurs on an item submitted for shareholder approval when the broker does not have the authority to vote on the item in the absence of instructions from the beneficial owner. Such "broker non-votes" will be counted for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum.

### PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS, DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

#### PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

Based upon the records of the Corporation and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission as of July 31, 2004, the following table sets forth the persons or group of persons having beneficial ownership (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission) of more than 5% of the issued and outstanding common stock of the Corporation.

Name	Address	Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Amount Owned	Percent of Class
Michael E. Batten	3419 Michigan Blvd.	Power to vote	538,431	