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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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(I.R.S. Employer I

101 PROSPECT AVENUE, N.W.
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115
(Address, including zip code, of principal executive offices)

THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE AND SAVINGS PLAN
(Full title of the plan)

L.E. STELLATO
VICE PRESIDENT, GENERAL COUNSEL AND SECRETARY
THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY
101 PROSPECT AVENUE, N.W.
CLEVELAND, OHIO 44115
(216) 566-2000
(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1,2)	Proposed maximum offering price per share (3)	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (3)
Common Stock, \$1.00 par value per share (4)	12,000,000 shares	\$27.43	\$329,160,000

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(1) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.

(2) In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate number of additional shares as may be issuable as a result of the anti-dilution provisions of the employee benefit plan described herein.

(3) This amount is estimated in accordance with Rule 457 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based upon the average of the high and low prices of our Common Stock as reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 8, 2003.

(4) Shares of our Common Stock are accompanied by rights to purchase our Cumulative Redeemable Serial Preferred Stock issued pursuant to a Rights Agreement, dated as of April 23, 1997. Until the occurrence of certain prescribed events, none of which has occurred, these rights are not exercisable, are evidenced by the certificates representing our Common Stock, and will be transferred only with our Common Stock.

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REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SHARES

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement registers an additional 12,000,000 shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$1.00, to be available for purchase under The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan ("Plan"). The Registrant previously registered shares of its Common Stock for purchase under the Plan on Post-Effective Amendment Number 5 to Registration Statement Number 2-80510, filed on Form S-8, and Registration Statement Number 33-62229, filed on Form S-8. The contents of such registration statements, including all exhibits thereto, are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

The exhibits to this Registration Statement are listed in the Exhibit Index on page 4, which information is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. 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 Cleveland, State of Ohio, on May 14, 2003.

The Sherwin-Williams Company

By: /s/ L.E. Stellato

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L.E. Stellato,
Vice President, General Counsel and
Secretary

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 date indicated.

* C. M. CONNOR Chairman and Chief Executive Officer,
----- Director (Principal Executive Officer)
C. M. Connor

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* J. M. SCAMINACE President and Chief Operating Officer,
----- Director
J. M. Scaminace

* S. P. HENNESSY Senior Vice President -- Finance
----- and Chief Financial Officer
S. P. Hennessy (Principal Financial Officer)

* J. L. AULT Vice President -- Corporate Controller
----- (Principal Accounting Officer)
J. L. Ault

* J. C. BOLAND Director

J. C. Boland

* J. G. BREEN Director

J. G. Breen

* D. E. COLLINS Director

D. E. Collins

* D. E. EVANS Director

D. E. Evans

* S. J. KROPF Director

S. J. Kropf

* R. W. MAHONEY Director

R. W. Mahoney

* G. E. MCCULLOUGH Director

G. E. McCullough

* A. M. MIXON, III Director

A. M. Mixon, III

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* C. E. MOLL Director

C. E. Moll

* R. K. SMUCKER Director

R. K. Smucker

* The undersigned, by signing his name hereto, does hereby sign this Registration Statement on behalf of each of the above-named officers and directors of the Registrant pursuant to powers of attorney executed by each such officer and director and filed herewith.

By: /s/ L.E. Stellato

May 14, 2003

L. E. Stellato, Attorney-in-fact

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on May 14, 2003.

The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan, by The Sherwin-Williams Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan Administration Committee as named fiduciary and not in its individual capacity

By: /s/ L.E. Stellato

L.E. Stellato,
Member of The Sherwin-Williams
Company Employee Stock Purchase and Savings Plan
Administration Committee

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Description
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4.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended through May 1, 2001, filed as Exhibit 3(a) to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, and incorporated herein by reference.
4.2	Regulations of the Registrant, as amended, dated April 27, 1988, filed as Exhibit 4(b) to Post-Effective Amendment No. 1, dated April 29, 1988,

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to Form S-8 Registration Statement Number 2-91401,
and incorporated herein by reference.

- 4.3 Rights Agreement between the Registrant and The Bank of New York, as successor Rights Agent to KeyBank National Association, dated April 23, 1997, filed as Exhibit 1 to Form 8-A, dated April 24, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5 Opinion of L.E. Stellato (filed herewith).
- 23.1 Consent of L.E. Stellato, included in Exhibit 5 (filed herewith).
- 23.2 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors (filed herewith).
- 24 Powers of Attorney (filed herewith).