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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)*

ALTEON INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

02144G107

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2000

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[] Rule 13d-1(b)
[X] Rule 13d-1(c)
[] Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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CUSIP No.	92848M104		13G Page 2 of	8 P	ages 			
1	I.R.S. IDEN	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC						
Z	CHECK INE A	APPROPI	RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a)	[]			
				(b)	[]			
3	SEC USE ONI	LY						
4	CITIZENSHI	P OR PI	LACE OF ORGANIZATION					
	Delaware							
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER					
			0					
	NUMBER OF 6 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH		SHARED VOTING POWER					
BENEFIC OWNED			2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)					
REPOR PERS		 7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER					
WIT	WITH		0					
	-	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER					
			2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)					
9	AGGREGATE A	AMOUNT	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
	2,034,584 of warrants		ding 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise					
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES							
11	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)					
	8.9%							
12	TYPE OF REI	PORTIN	G PERSON*					

00 _____ *SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT Page 2 of 8 pages _____ _____ CUSIP No. 92848M104 13G Page 3 of 8 Pages _____ _____ _____ _____ 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC _____ _____ 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [] (b) [] _____ 3 SEC USE ONLY _____ 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware _____ 5 SOLE VOTING POWER 0 _____ NUMBER OF 6 SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY 2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable OWNED BY upon exercise of warrants) EACH _____ REPORTING 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH 0 _____ ____ 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants) _____ _____ 9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)

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1	NAME OF REPORT	NG PERSON CATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
	Steven A. Cohen					
2	CHECK THE APPRO	PPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) []			
			(b) []			
3	SEC USE ONLY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	United States					
		SOLE VOTING POWER				
		0				
		SHARED VOTING POWER				
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH		2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares upon exercise of warrants)	issuable			
REPORTING PERSON WITH		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				

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		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	2,034,584 (inclue of warrants)	ding 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise
10	CHECK BOX IF THE SHARES	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN []
11	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)
	8.9%	
12	G PERSON*	
	IN	
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Item 1(a)	Name of	Laguard
ICEM I(a)		
	Alteon	Inc.
Item 1(b)		of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
		liams Drive New Jersey 07446
Items 2(a)		Person Filing:
	Capital (ii) S.	atement is being filed by (i) S.A.C. Advisors, LLC ("SAC Capital Advisors"), A.C. Capital Management, LLC ("SAC Management") and (iii) Steven A. Cohen.
Item 2(b)		of Principal Business Office:
	777 Lon	i) and (iii): g Ridge Road d, Connecticut 06902
Item 2(c)	Citizen	ship:

	(i): Delaware (ii): Delaware (iii): United States
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number:
	02144G107
Item 3	Not Applicable
Item 4.	Ownership:

The securities reported on herein are held by S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC, an Anguillan limited liability company ("SAC Capital Associates"). Pursuant to investment agreements, each of SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management share all investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by SAC Capital Associates. Accordingly, each of SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities covered by this statement for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act").

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Steven A. Cohen is the Managing Member, President and Chief Executive Officer of SAC Capital Advisors and the owner, directly and through a wholly owned subsidiary, of 100% of the membership interests of SAC Capital Management. Accordingly, Mr. Cohen may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities covered by this statement for purposes of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act. Mr. Cohen disclaims beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement.

Item 4(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned:				
	2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)				
Item 4(b)	Percent of Class:				
	8.9%				
Item 4(c)	Number of shares as to which such person has:				
	(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0				
	(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable				

upon exercise of warrants)

(iii)	Sole	power	to	dispose	or	to	direct	the
	dispo	osition	n or	E: 0				

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 2,034,584 (including 572,738 shares issuable upon exercise of warrants)

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following. []

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of
Another Person:

SAC Capital Associates has the right to receive dividends on, and proceeds from the sale of, the shares reported on this statement as

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beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and Mr. Cohen.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of

the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, ${\rm I}$ certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 26, 2001

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

STEVEN A. COHEN

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

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