Exhibit A

Haemonetics Corporation

Charter of the Audit Committee

Organization

This Charter governs the operations of the Audit Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Haemonetics Corporation (the "Company"). The Committee shall be comprised of three or more directors, recommended by the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board, for appointment by the full Board of Directors. The members of the Committee shall meet the independence and experience requirements of applicable statutes and regulations, including the requirements of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), Section 10A(m)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). All Committee members shall be financially literate, and at least one member shall be an "audit committee financial expert," as defined by SEC regulations.

Purpose

The Committee shall provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling the Board's oversight responsibility relating to: the integrity of the Company's financial statements; the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence; and the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm.

The Committee shall prepare the report required by the rules of the SEC to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement.

Duties and Responsibilities

The primary responsibility of the Committee is to oversee the Company's financial reporting process on behalf of the Board and to report the results of their activities to the Board regularly. While the Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Committee to plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's consolidated financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the Company's financial statements and for the appropriateness of the accounting principles and reporting policies that are used by the Company. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the Company's consolidated financial statements and for reviewing the Company's unaudited interim financial statements. In so doing, it is the responsibility of the Committee to maintain free and open communication between the Committee, independent registered public accounting firm, internal auditors and management of the Company.

The Committee shall be directly responsible for (1) the appointment and termination (subject, if applicable, to stockholder ratification) and (2) the compensation, and oversight of the work of the independent registered public accounting firm, including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent registered public accounting firm regarding financial reporting. The independent registered public accounting firm shall report directly to the Committee. In discharging its oversight role, the Committee is empowered to investigate any matter brought to its attention with full access to all books, records, facilities, and personnel of the Company and the authority to engage independent counsel and other advisers as it determines necessary to carry out its duties. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, for payment of compensation to the independent registered public accounting firm and to any advisors employed by the Committee and for payment of ordinary administrative expenses of the Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

The Committee shall pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm (subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services provided for in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act, and the rules promulgated thereunder, which are approved by the Committee prior to the completion of the audit). The Committee shall not engage the independent registered public accounting firm to perform the specific non-audit services prohibited by law or regulation. The Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to a member or members of the Committee pursuant

to policies and procedures established by the Committee in accordance with applicable law and SEC regulations. The decisions of any Committee member to whom pre-approval authority is delegated must be presented to the full Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

At least annually, the Committee shall obtain and review a report by the independent registered public accounting firm describing:

- The firm's internal quality control procedures
- Any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review, or peer review, of the firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues
- All relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company (to assess the independent registered public accounting firm's independence)

The Committee shall set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent registered public accounting firm that comply with the SEC regulations and NYSE listing standards.

The Committee shall discuss with the internal auditors and the independent registered public accounting firm the overall scope and plans for their respective audits, including the adequacy of staffing and compensation.

The Committee shall discuss with management, the internal auditors, and the independent registered public accounting firm the adequacy and effectiveness of the accounting and financial controls, including the Company's policies and procedures with respect to risk assessment and risk management and the steps management has taken to monitor and control the Company's major financial risk exposures.

The Committee shall meet separately periodically with management, the internal auditors, and the independent registered public accounting firm to discuss issues and concerns warranting Committee attention. The Committee shall provide sufficient opportunity for the internal auditors and the independent registered public accounting firm to meet privately with the members of the Committee. The Committee shall review with the independent registered public accounting firm any audit problems or difficulties and management's response.

The Committee shall receive regular reports from the independent registered public accounting firm on (1) the critical policies and practices of the Company, (2) all alternative treatments of financial information within generally accepted accounting principles that have been discussed with management and (3) other material written communications between the independent registered public accounting firm and management such as any management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.

The Committee shall review and discuss earnings press releases, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.

The Committee shall review the interim financial statements and disclosures under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations with management and the independent registered public accounting firm prior to the filing of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Also, the Committee shall discuss the results of the quarterly review and any other matters required to be communicated to the Committee by the independent registered public accounting firm under generally accepted auditing standards. [A designated member of the Committee may represent the entire Committee for the purposes of this review.]

The Committee shall review with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the financial statements and disclosures under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations to be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K including their judgment about the quality, not just the acceptability, of accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, and the clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements. Also, the Committee shall discuss the results of the annual audit and any other matters required to be communicated to the Committee by the independent registered public accounting firm under generally accepted auditing standards.

The Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

The Committee shall perform an evaluation of its performance at least annually to determine whether it is functioning effectively. At least annually the Committee shall review and reassess this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.