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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. 5)*

ALTEON INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

02144G107 -----(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003

(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)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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.	02144G107		13G Page 2 of	10 P	ages		
1	NAME OF RE		G PERSON ATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
	S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC						
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*						
					[X]		
3	SEC USE ON	LY					
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION						
	Delaware						
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER				
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIAL OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		6	SHARED VOTING POWER				
	LY		572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)	1			
		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER				
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9	AGGREGATE A	AMOUNT	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
	572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants) (see Item 4)						
10	CHECK BOX	IF THE	AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN	I SHA	RES		
11	PERCENT OF	CLASS	REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	1.4% (see Item 4)						
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Item 1(a)	Name of Issuer:
	Alteon Inc.
Item 1(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
	170 Williams Drive Ramsey, New Jersey 07446
Items 2(a)	Name of Person Filing:
	This statement is filed by: (i) S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC, ("SAC Capital Advisors") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC ("SAC Capital Associates"); (ii) S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC, ("SAC Capital Management") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Associates; (iii) SAC Capital Associates with respect to Shares beneficially owned by it; and (iv) Steven A. Cohen with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and SAC Capital Associates.
Item 2(b)	Address of Principal Business Office:
	The address of the principal business office of (i) SAC Capital Advisors and Mr. Cohen is 72 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, (ii) SAC Capital Management is 540 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, and (iii) SAC Capital Associates is P.O. Box 58, Victoria House, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies.
Item 2(c)	Citizenship:
	SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management are Delaware limited liability companies. SAC Capital Associates is an Anguillan limited liability company. Mr. Cohen is a United States citizen.
Item 2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Item 2(e)	CUSIP Number:
	02144G107
Item 3	Not Applicable

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The percentages used herein are calculated based upon the Shares issued and outstanding as of November 5, 2003 as reported on the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2003.

As of the close of business on December 31, 2003:

- 1. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 1.4%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
- 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- 2. S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 1.4%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- 3. S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 1.4%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 572,738
 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition:
- 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)

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- 4. Steven A. Cohen
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)
- (b) Percent of class: 1.4%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 572,738
(issuable upon exercise of warrants)
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 572,738 (issuable upon exercise of warrants)

SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, and Mr. Cohen own directly no shares of Common Stock or Warrants. 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 Advisors and SAC Capital Management. Each of SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and Mr. Cohen disclaim beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement.

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. [X]

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

Person:

Not Applicable

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular} I tem 7 & Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which \\ \hline \end{tabular}$

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Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

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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.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: February 3, 2004

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

S.A.C. CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, 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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