FORM 10-Q

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended June 30,1996

Commission File Number: 0-21044

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

33-0204817 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1864 ENTERPRISE PARKWAY WEST, TWINSBURG, OHIO (Address of principal executive offices)

44087 (Zip Code)

216-487-1110 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes	Χ	X						No						
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Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value, outstanding at June 30, 1996

6,775,463

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ITEM 1. CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	ASSETS		
	JUNE 30, 1996	DECEMBER 31, 1995	JUNE 30, 1995
		(AUDITED)	
(Dollars in thousands)			
Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Inventories Refundable income taxes Prepaid expenses Deferred income taxes	19,364 32,868 36 3,518 4,377	2,110 3,702	52 2,313 5,615
Total current assets	60,885	63,863	63,692
Equipment, furniture, and fixtures, net	7,278	5,187	3,929
Other assets	969	1,055	845
Total assets	\$ 69,132 ======	\$ 70,105	
LIABILITIES AND		EQUITY	
Current liabilities: Revolving credit facility Accounts payable Accrued income taxes Accrued compensation Other accrued expenses Total current liabilities	\$ 4,986 9,463 339 363 1,863	756 3,522	\$ 10,668 5,667 364 435 3,876 21,010
Total current manifeties			21,010
Long-term debt	2,000		
Stockholders' equity: Capital stock Paid-in capital Currency translation adjustment Retained (deficit)	68 53,869 (19) (3,800)	68 53,623 25 (3,478)	67 53,496 82 (6,189)
Total stockholders' equity	50,118	50,238	47,456
Total liabilities and Stockholders' equity	\$ 69,132 ======	\$ 70,105 ======	\$ 68,466

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

		s Ended June 0,	;	ns Ended June 30,
	1996	['] 1995	1996	['] 1995
(Dollars and shares in thousands, except per share amounts.)				
Net Sales	\$ 21,526	\$ 24,667	\$ 43,431	\$ 43,241
Cost of sales	14,902	17,631	30,965	31,566
Gross profit Selling, general and	6,624	7,036		
administrative expenses Restructuring expenses		6,827 		14,262 977
Operating income (loss) Interest expense Interest income	186	209 281 (9)	`344 [´]	`´547 [´]
Other (income) expenses, net		(127)		
Income (loss) before income taxes Income tax (expense) benefit	374 (126)	64 (3)	` ,	` ' '
Net (income)loss	\$ 248 ======	\$ 61	(322)	\$ (2,392)
Net (income)loss per share	\$ 0.04 =====	\$ 0.01	\$ (0.05) ======	\$ (0.36)
Weighted average common and common stock equivalents				
outstanding	6,945 ======	6,775 ======	6,765 ======	6,742 ======

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UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(Dollars in Thousands)		Ended June 30, 1995
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities Net loss Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used for operating activities:	\$ (322)	\$ (2,392)
Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	767 (676)	661 (1,990)
Receivables Inventories Other assets Payables and accruals Accrued income taxes	6,804 (2,623) (1,327) (1,273) 329	65 4,456 3,731 (3,584) (61)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,679	886
Cash used for investing activities: Acquisition of fixed assets Trademarks	(2,820) (99)	(968) (100) (1,068)
Net cash used for investing activities:	(2,919)	(1,068)
Cash provided by financing activities: Short-term bank borrowings Short-term bank payments Long-term debt Proceeds from stock options exercised	246	38,197 (39,009)
Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities	1,112	(812)
Effect of exchange rates on cash	(22)	45
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(150)	(949)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	872	1,440
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 722 ======	\$ 491 ======
Supplemental Information to the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows Cash paid (received) during the period for: Interest Income taxes	\$ 349 ====== \$ (615)	\$ 552 ====== \$ 146
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UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ADJUSTMENTS

All adjustments, consisting of recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations of these unaudited interim periods, have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

INVENTORIES

Inventories consist of the following (in thousands):

	======	======	======
Total inventories	\$32,868	\$30,278	\$38,536
Finished goods	20,219	16,151	21,661
Components	\$12,649	\$14,127	\$16,875
	June 30, 1996	December 31, 1995	June 30, 1995

The Company provides certain components to its contract manufacturers for inclusion in the Company's finished goods.

NET INCOME PER SHARE

Net income per share is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average of common stock and common stock equivalents outstanding. Common stock equivalents are computed using the treasury stock method.

RECLASSIFICATION

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the presentation utilized in the quarter ended June 30, 1996.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Net sales for the second quarter were \$21.5 million compared to \$24.7 million for the same quarter a year earlier. Net income was \$248,000, or \$0.04 per share, for the second quarter ended June 30, 1996 as compared to net income of \$61,000, or \$0.01 per share, for the same quarter of 1995.

Net sales for the first six months of 1996 increased to \$43.4 million from \$43.2 million in the first six months of 1995. The Company experienced a loss for the first six months of 1996 equal to \$322,000, or \$0.05 per share, compared to a loss of \$2.4 million, or \$0.36 per share in the first six months of 1995. Included in the 1995 first half loss was a restructuring charge of \$0.09 per share (\$977,000 pre-tax) associated with personnel severence and facilities closures.

Net sales in the Company's Retail Businesses decreased 5.8% to \$26.8 million in the first half of 1996 from \$28.4 in the first half of 1995. The decrease, primarily in the second quarter, was due to a decline in the Company's Private Label Business driven by the loss of a large, but low margin customer. Excluding the Private Label decline, the Retail Business was up 6.5% in the second quarter of 1996 compared to the same period in 1995. First half of 1996 net sales in the Company's Technology Businesses (Cable, Cable OEM, OEM) were \$16.7 million for a 12.3% increase over net sales of \$14.8 million for the first half of 1995. For the quarter, however, the Company's Technology Business declined to \$8.2 million from \$8.7 million in 1996 and 1995, respectively, driven largely by the loss of an OEM customer. Despite the decline in net sales for the second quarter, the Company foresees some sales improvement in the second half of 1996.

Gross margins for the first six months of 1996, were 28.7% compared to 27.0% for the same period in 1995. Gross margins for the 1996 second quarter were 30.8% compared to 28.5% for the 1995 second quarter. During the second quarter, the decline of some of the Company's lower margin businesses and introduction of the new One For All and product lines contributed to the gross margin improvement. Gross profit margins will fluctuate due to a variety of factors, including, among other things, shifts in product mix, changes in product pricing, fluctuations in manufacturing and freight costs, and changes in customer mix.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased by 7.5% to \$13.2 million in the first half of 1996 as compared to \$14.3 million in the first half of 1995. As a percentage of sales, these expenses also decreased in the first half of 1996 to 30.4% from 33.0% in the first half of 1995. The decrease in S,G&A is due primarily to the decrease in professional legal fees and personal property taxes.

The Company recorded interest expense of approximately \$344,000 related to borrowings under its revolving credit line for the first half of 1996 compared to approximately \$547,000 for the first half of 1995. The decrease is the result of a lower average outstanding balance and reduced interest rate in the first half of 1996 compared to the same period in 1995.

The Company recorded an income tax benefit of approximately \$583,000 for the first half of 1996 as compared to a benefit of approximately \$1.4 million for the same period of 1995. The 1996 benefit includes the release of approximately \$174,000 during the first quarter of 1996, in the valuation allowance created in 1994 due to uncertainties of the recoverability of certain deferred tax assets. The continuing improvement and return to profitable operations has permitted management to reevaluate the Company's position and recognize the tax benefit because management believes the related tax credits should be realized before their statutory expiration.

Backlog

As of the end of the second quarter of 1996, the Company had backlog orders of \$7.9 million. Although the Company believes current orders to be firm and expects that substantially all of the backlog will be shipped in 1996, there can be no assurance that such orders will be shipped. The Company further believes that backlog is not a meaningful indicator of its future performance.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's principal sources of funds are its operations and bank credit facilities. Cash provided from operating activities was \$1.7 million for the first half of 1996 compared to \$886,000 in 1995. This improvement in cash flow is due primarily to efforts taken by management to reduce expenses, inventories and receivables.

The Company's bank credit facilities include a revolving credit line which is available to fund the Company's seasonal working capital needs and for general operating purposes. This revolving

credit facility provides the Company with borrowing availability of \$22 million and bears interest equal to the bank's prime rate minus three-quarter percent. The credit facility is secured by a first priority security interest in the accounts receivable, inventory, equipment, and general intangibles of the Company. At June 30, 1996, the interest rate charged on the outstanding balance of this credit line was 7.5%. Under the terms of this revolving credit facility, the Company's ability to pay cash dividends on its common stock is restricted and amounts available for borrowing are reduced by the outstanding balance of the Company's import letters of credit. As of June 30, 1996, the Company had utilized approximately \$5.0 million of the credit facility for the acquisition of inventory to support future sales and for other general operating purposes and had approximately \$1.9 million of outstanding import letters of credit. In addition, the Company had approximately \$2.0 million of the credit facility outstanding for the acquisition of and improvements to its Twinsburg, Ohio facility. This amount has been classified as long-term in the accompanying balance sheet as it is the Company's intention to secure a term loan for this amount. The Company's borrowing under this revolving credit facility and outstanding import letters of credit fluctuates due to, among other things, seasonality of the business, the timing of supplier shipments, customer orders and payments, and vendor payments.

Capital expenditures in the first six months of 1996 and 1995 were approximately \$2.8 million and \$968,000, respectively. Approximately \$1.7 million of 1996 first half capital expenditures were for the acquisition of the Twinsburg, Ohio facility. The balance of the 1996 and 1995 capital expenditures were primarily for new product tooling.

It is the Company's policy to carefully monitor the state of its business, cash requirements and capital structure. The Company believes that funds generated from operations and available from its borrowing capacity will be sufficient to fund its currently anticipated cash needs, however, there can be no assurances that this will occur.

RISK FACTORS PERTAINING TO THE SECOND QUARTER 1996

The Company cautions that the following important factors, among others (including but not limited to factors mentioned from time to time in the Company's reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission), could affect the Company's actual results and could cause the Company's actual consolidated results to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements of the Company made by or on behalf of the Company. The factors included here are not exhaustive. Further, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and the Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all of such factors, nor can it assess the impact of each such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Therefore, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual future results.

DEPENDENCE UPON KEY SUPPLIERS

Most of the components used in the Company's products are available from multiple sources; however, the Company has elected to purchase integrated circuit components used in the Company's products, principally its remote control products, and certain other components used in the Company's products, from several selected sources. The Company has recently developed alternative sources of supply for these integrated circuit components. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to continue to obtain these components on a timely basis or in the quantities necessary to maintain or meet the forecasted requirements. The Company generally maintains inventories of its integrated chips, which could be used in part to mitigate, but not eliminate, delays resulting from supply interruptions. An extended interruption or termination in the supply of any of the components used in the Company's products, or a reduction in their quality or reliability, would have an adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations.

DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN MANUFACTURING

Third-party manufacturers located in foreign countries manufacture substantially all of the Company's remote controls products. The Company's arrangements with its foreign manufacturers are subject to the risks of doing business abroad, such as import duties, trade restrictions, work stoppages, political instability and other factors which could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business and results of operations. The Company believes that the loss of any one or more of its manufacturers would not have a long-term material adverse effect on

the Company's business and results of operations because numerous other manufacturers are available to fulfill the Company's requirements. In addition to continuing to seek out alternative and additional third party manufacturers both domestically and abroad, the Company has recently commenced manufacturing a small amount of its remote controls in-house. Such in-house manufacturing, however, does not presently reduce its dependence on its third party manufacturers. However, the loss of any of the Company's major manufacturers could adversely affect the Company's business until alterative manufacturing arrangements are secured.

POTENTIAL FLUCTUATIONS IN QUARTERLY RESULTS

The Company's quarterly financial results may vary significantly depending primarily upon factors such as the timing of significant orders, the timing of new product offerings by the Company and its competitors and product presentations. In addition, the Company's business historically has been seasonal, with the largest proportion of sales occurring in September, October and November of each calendar year. Factors such as quarterly variations in financial results could aversely affect the market price of the Common Stock and cause it to fluctuate substantially. In addition, the Company (i) may from time to time increase its operating expenses to fund greater levels of research and development, increase its sales and marketing activities, develop new distribution channels, improve its operational and financial systems and broaden its customer support capabilities and (ii) may incur significant operating expenses associated with any new acquisitions. To the extent that such expenses precede or are not subsequently followed by increased revenues, the Company's business, operating results and financial condition will be materially adversely affected.

The Company expects to experience significant fluctuations in future quarterly operating results that may be caused by many factors, including demand for the Company's products, introduction or enhancement of products by the Company and its competitors, market acceptance of new products, price reductions by the Company or its competitors, mix of distribution channels through which products are sold, level of product returns, mix of products sold, component pricing, mix of international and North American revenues, and general economic conditions. In addition, as a strategic response to changes in the competitive environment, the Company may from time to time make certain pricing or marketing decisions or acquisitions that could have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations or financial condition. As a result, the Company believes that period-to-period comparisons of its results of operations are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as any indication of future performance. Due to all of the foregoing factors, it is likely that in some future quarters the Company's operating results will be below the expectations of public market analysts and investors. In such event, the price of the Company's common stock would likely be materially adversely affected.

DEPENDENCE ON CONSUMER PREFERENCE

The Company is susceptible to fluctuations in its business based upon consumer demand for its products. The Company believes that its success depends in substantial part on its ability to anticipate, gauge and respond to such fluctuation in consumer demand. However, it is impossible to predict with complete accuracy the occurrence and effect of any such event that will cause such fluctuations in consumer demand for the Company's products.

DEPENDENCE UPON TIMELY PRODUCT INTRODUCTION

The Company's ability to remain competitive in the remote control products market will depend in part upon its ability to successfully identify new product opportunities and to develop and introduce new products and enhancements on a timely and cost effective basis. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in developing and marketing new products or in enhancing its existing products, that new products such as its Finder(TM) or its universal garage door opener will achieve ongoing consumer acceptance, that products developed by others will not render the Company's products non-competitive or obsolete or that the Company will be able to obtain or maintain the rights to use proprietary technologies developed by others which are incorporated in the Company's products. Any failure by the Company to anticipate or respond adequately to technological developments and customer requirements, or any significant delays in product development or introduction, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, the introduction of new products which the Company may introduce in the future may require the expenditure of funds for research and development, tooling, manufacuturing processes, inventory and marketing. In order to achieve high volume production of any new product, the Company may have to make substantial investments in inventory and expand its production capabilities.

DEPENDENCE ON MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The Company's performance is affected by the economic strength and weakness of its worldwide customers. The Company sells its products to mass merchants, such as Wal-Mart, Kmart, and Sears and to technology oriented business such as companies doing business in the cable and telecommunications industries. The Company also supplies its products to its wholly-owned, non-U.S. subsidiaries and to independent foreign distributors, who in turn distribute the Company's products worldwide, with the United Kingdom, Europe, and Australia currently representing the Company's principal foreign markets. The loss of any one or more of the Company's key customers either in the United States or abroad due to the financial weakness or bankruptcy of any such customer may have an adverse affect on the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

COMPETITION

The remote control industry is characterized by intense competition based primarily on product availability, price, speed of delivery, ability to tailor specific solutions to customer needs, quality and depth of product lines. The Company's competition is fragmented across its product lines, and accordingly, the Company does not compete with any one company across all product lines. The Company competes with a variety of entities, some of which have greater financial and other resources than the Company. The Company's ability to remain competitive in this industry depends in part on its ability to successfully identify new product opportunities and develop and introduce new products and enhancements on a timely and cost effective basis.

GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

General economic conditions, both domestic and foreign, have an impact on the Company's business and financial results. From time to time the markets in which the Company sells its products experience weak economic conditions that may negatively affect the sales of the Company's products. To the extent that general economic conditions affect the demand for products sold by the Company, such conditions could have an adverse effect on the Company's business. Moreover, operating its business in countries outside of the United States exposes the Company to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, exchange ratios, nationalization or expropriation of assets, import/export controls, political instability, variations in the protection of intellectual property rights, limitations on foreign investments and restrictions on the ability to convert currency are risks inherent in conducting operations in geographically distant locations, with customers speaking different languages and having different cultural approaches to the conduct of business, any one of which alone or collectively, may have an adverse affect on the Company's international operations, and consequently on the Company's business, operating results and financial condition.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 6.	EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K					
	(A)	Exhibits	Page			
		11.1 Statement re: Computation of Per Share Earnings (filed herewith).	13			
	(B)	Reports on Form 8-K				
		There were no reports on Forms 8-K filed during the quarter ended June 30, 1996.				

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(C) Exhibit 27 Financial Data Schedule

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Universal Electronics Inc.

Date: August 14, 1996 /s/ David M. Gabrielsen

David M. Gabrielsen

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 14, 1996 /s/ Paul Arling

Paul Arling

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit 11.1

UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS INC. COMPUTATION OF PER SHARE EARNINGS

	June	e 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,			
	1996	1995	1996	1995		
Common stock						
outstanding, beginning of period	6,750,898	6,741,578	6,750,898			
Weighted average common stock outstanding from exercise of stock						
options	21,064					
Waighted average common						
Weighted average common stock outstanding	6 771 062	6 7/1 570	6 765 167	6 7/1 570		
Stock outstanding	========	, ,		, ,		
Stock options		32,988				
	========	•	========	========		
Weighted average common and common stock						
equivalents outstanding	6,945,083	6,774,566	6,765,167	6,741,578		
	========	========	========	========		
Net income (loss) attributable to common						
stockholders	\$ 247,656	\$ 61,142	\$ (322,496)	\$(2,392,021)		
	========	========	========	========		
Net income (loss) per common and common stock						
equivalents			\$ (0.05)	, ,		
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