

FORM 3

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Ruppert Michael</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>241 18TH STREET SOUTH</u> <u>SUITE 650</u> (Street) <u>ARLINGTON VA</u> <u>22202</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/05/2026</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AeroVironment Inc [AVAV]</u> Foreign Trading Symbol	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) ☒ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Colby Petersen, attorney-in-fact 08/14/2026

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned (the “*Filer*”), hereby constitutes and appoints Melissa Brown, Colby Petersen, and Rachel Lybolt, and each of them, as the Filer’s true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents and on the Filer’s behalf and in the Filer’s name, place and stead, in all cases with full power of substitution and resubstitution, in any and all capacities, with specific legal authority to submit a Form ID Application and/or Passphrase Update Application and/or Request to Convert from Paper to Electronic Filer with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and/or to obtain access codes to file on EDGAR and/or to serve as the Filer’s account administrator, and grants them full power and authority to do and to perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as the Filer might or could do, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Further, the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints 8 Melissa Brown, Colby Petersen, and Rachel Lybolt, and each of them, as the Filer’s true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents and on the Filer’s behalf and in the Filer’s name, place and stead, in all cases with full power of substitution and resubstitution, in any and all capacities, with specific legal authority to serve as the Filer’s account administrator on EDGAR, and grants them full power and authority to do and to perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done as the Filer might or could do, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

The undersigned hereby represents that he has not, she has not, or they have not been criminally convicted as a result of a federal or state securities law violation, or civilly or administratively enjoined, barred, suspended, or banned in any capacity (e.g., officer or director bar, prohibition from associating with brokers, dealers, investment advisers, and/or other securities entities, or bar from participation in certain industries), as a result of a federal or state securities law violation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney on this 5th day of August, 2026.

/s/ Michael Ruppert

Michael Ruppert