## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHED	ULE	13G
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(Rule 13d-102)

§ 240.13d-2.

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Information to be Included in Statements Filed Pursuant to § 240.13d-1(b), (c) and (d) and Amendments Thereto Filed Pursuant to
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
AeroVironment, Inc. (Name of Issuer)
Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)
008073108 (CUSIP Number)
July 31, 2011 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:
<ul><li>☑ Rule 13d-1(b)</li><li>☐ Rule 13d-1(c)</li><li>☐ Rule 13d-1(d)</li></ul>
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CUSIP No. 008073108 Page 2 of 6 Pages 1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) 0 (b) 0 3) SEC USE ONLY 4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION New York **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5) **NUMBER** 26,073 OF 6) SHARED VOTING POWER **SHARES** None BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER **EACH** 26,073 REPORTING **PERSON** 8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER WITH 1,491,010 9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,517,083 10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 11) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON 12) BD

	Maille	of Issue	er:			
AeroVironment,	, Inc.					
Item 1(b).	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:					
181 W. Hunting Monrovia, CA 9		ve, Suite	202			
Item 2(a).	Name of Person Filing:					
Gilder, Gagnon,	Howe &	& Co. LL	.C			
Item 2(b).	Addr	ess of Pr	rincipal Business Office or, if None, Residence:			
3 Columbus Ciro New York, NY 1		ı Floor				
Item 2(c).	Citizenship:					
New York						
Item 2(d).	Title of Class of Securities:					
Common Stock						
Item 2(e).	CUSIP Number:					
008073108						
Item 3.	If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:					
	(a)	X	Broker or Dealer Registered Under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 780)			
	(b)		Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c)			
	(c)		Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c)			
	(d)		Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8)			
	(e)		Investment Adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)			
	(f)		Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)			
			Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G)			

	(h)		Savings Association as defined in §3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)		
	(i)		Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under §3(c)(15) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3)		
	(j)		Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(ii)(J)		
Item 4.	em 4. Ownership.				
	(a)	Amount	beneficially owned: 1,517,083		
	of class: 6.9%				
	(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:				
		(i)	Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 26,073		
		(ii)	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: None		
		(iii)	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 26,073		
		(iv)	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,491,010		
	ed include 1,251,043 shares held in customer accounts over which partners and/or employees of the Reporting Person have nority to dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares, 239,967 shares held in accounts owned by the partners of the and their families, and 26,073 shares held in the account of the profit-sharing plan of the Reporting Person (the "Profit-				
Item 5.	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.				
Not applicable					
Item 6.	Owners	ship of M	ore than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.		
			ing the Profit-Sharing Plan) in which the shares reported on this Schedule are held have the right to receive or the power to , or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities.		
Item 7.	Identifi	cation an	nd 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 I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and 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.

## $\underline{\textbf{SIGNATURE}}$

After reasonable inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

August 8, 2011					
_	Date				
/s/ Bonnie Haupt					
	Signature				
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 $\frac{Bonnie\ Haupt,\ Chief\ Compliance\ Officer\ \&\ Branch\ Manager}{Name/Title}$