

# ASTRO MED INC /NEW/

FORM SC 13G  
(Statement of Ownership)

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Sector	Technology
Fiscal Year	01/31

**SCHEDULE 13G**  
(12/31/98)

**ASTRO-MED INC NEW**

Cusip # 04638F108  
Amendment

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**Item 1: REPORTING PERSONS**

**Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. (Tax ID: 22-2370029)**

**Item 4: CITIZENSHIP**

**Delaware Corporation**

**Item 5: SOLE VOTING POWER**

**361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\***

**Item 6: SHARED VOTING POWER --**

**None**

**Item 7: SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER --**

**361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\***

**Item 8: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER --**

**0**

**Item 9: AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED --**

**361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\***

**Item 11: PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY LINE 9 --**

**8.19**

**Item 12: TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON --**

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**ITEM 1(A). NAME OF ISSUER**

**ASTRO-MED INC NEW**

**ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER**

600 East Greenwich Ave.  
West Warwick, RI 02893

**ITEM 2(A). NAME OF PERSON FILING**

**Dimensional Fund Advisors**

**ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE**

**ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP**

**A Delaware Corporation**

**ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES**

**Common Stock**

**ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER**

**04638F108**

**ITEM 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (b), or 13d-2 (b) and the person filing is an investment advisor registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.**

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**ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP**

**ITEM 4(a). AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED**

**361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\***

**ITEM 4(b). PERCENT OF CLASS**

8.19

**ITEM 4(c). NUMBER OF SHARE AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:**

(i). SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR DIRECT THE VOTE --

361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\*

(ii). SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE --

None

(iii). SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF --

361,950 \*\* see Note 1 \*\*

(iv). SHARE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT DISPOSITION OF --

None

**\*\* Note 1 \*\***

Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. ("Dimensional"), an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940, furnishes investment advice to four investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, and serves as investment manager to certain other commingled group trusts and separate accounts. These investment companies, trusts and accounts are the "Funds". In its role as investment adviser or manager, Dimensional possesses voting and/or investment power over the securities of the Issuer described in this schedule that are owned the Funds. All securities reported in this schedule are owned by the Funds. Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities.

**ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of 12/31/98 the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

**ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON**

All Securities reported in this schedule are owned by advisory clients of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc., no one of which to the knowledge of Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc. owns more than 5% of the class. Dimensional Fund Advisors Inc disclaims beneficial ownership of all such securities.

**ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND 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 in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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

**Signature**

**Friday, February 12, 1999**

Michael T. Scardina  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**End of Filing**

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