

KROGER CO  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HELDMAN PAUL W**  
  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
**1014 VINE STREET**  
  
(Street)  
  
**CINCINNATI, OH 45202**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**KROGER CO [KR]**

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/02/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
 Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Executive Vice President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting  
  
(check applicable line)  
  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	234,261.1854 (1) (2)	D	Â
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	320	I	by Children

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (3)	04/16/2008	Common Stock	20,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (4)	05/27/2009	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (5)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	20,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (6)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	13,300
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (7)	05/10/2011	Common Stock	12,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	26,600
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	80,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 17.31	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/06/2014	Common Stock	40,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.385	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/05/2015	Common Stock	40,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 19.94	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/04/2016	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 28.27	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	06/28/2017	Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/10/2011	Common Stock	12,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	02/11/2010	Common Stock	100,000
	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (8)	05/27/2009		25,000



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