

KROGER CO
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GRIESHABER JOSEPH A JR

(Last) (First) (Middle)
1014 VINE STREET
(Street)
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
07/16/2008

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)
Group Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	07/16/2008		M		4,500 A \$ 16.5938	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2008		M		9,000 A \$ 14.925	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2008		S		4,500 D \$ 28.675 (1)	D	
Common Stock	07/16/2008		S		9,000 D \$ 28.7 (2)	D	

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)

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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	07/16/2008		M	4,500	⁽⁴⁾ 02/10/2010	Common Stock	4,500
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	07/16/2008		M	9,000	⁽⁴⁾ 12/12/2012	Common Stock	9,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GRIESHABER JOSEPH A JR 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Group Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph A. Grieshaber, Jr., by Bruce M. Gack,
Attorney-in-Fact 07/17/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(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).
This sale price represents a weighted average of aggregated sales transactions with sale prices ranging from \$28.67 to \$28.68. The reporting person will supply the Staff, issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- This sale price represents a weighted average of aggregated sales transactions with sale prices ranging from \$28.69 to \$28.7113. The reporting person will supply the Staff, issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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- (3) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans that are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.
- (4) These options were granted under a long-term incentive plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole amounts over a five-year period, at the rate of 20% per year commencing one year from the date of the grant.

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