

KROGER CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SCHLOTMAN J MICHAEL**

(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. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**07/08/2008**

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)  
**Senior Vice President**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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	07/08/2008		M		50,000 A \$ 16.5938	140,885.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008		S		4,765 D \$ 29.885	136,120.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008		S		100 D \$ 29.89	136,020.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008		S		3,100 D \$ 29.895	132,920.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008		S		350 D \$ 29.835	132,570.8028	D

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Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.846	132,470.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	5,300	D	\$ 29.815	127,170.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	1,600	D	\$ 29.82	125,570.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 29.805	124,170.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	2,535	D	\$ 29.795	121,635.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	770	D	\$ 29.8	120,865.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	1,400	D	\$ 29.81	119,465.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	600	D	\$ 29.83	118,865.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 29.89	118,665.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	800	D	\$ 29.88	117,865.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.9	117,765.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	300	D	\$ 29.91	117,465.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	200	D	\$ 29.905	117,265.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	900	D	\$ 29.915	116,365.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	665	D	\$ 29.875	115,700.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	700	D	\$ 29.865	115,000.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.849	114,900.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	500	D	\$ 29.7601	114,400.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.8175	114,300.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.819	114,200.8028	D
	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.809	114,100.8028	D

Common Stock							
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	1,800	D	\$ 29.78	112,300.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	900	D	\$ 29.825	111,400.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	100	D	\$ 29.829	111,300.8028	D
Common Stock	07/08/2008	S	3,400	D	\$ 29.7801	107,900.8028	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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	07/08/2008		M	50,000	<u>(1)</u> 02/11/2010	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHLOTMAN J MICHAEL 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202			Senior Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael J. Schlotman, by Bruce M. Gack,  
Attorney-in-Fact

07/09/2008

\*\*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).
- (1) 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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