

RENT A CENTER INC DE
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Registration No. 333-

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation
or organization)

45-0491516
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**5501 Headquarters Drive
Plano, Texas 75024**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75024
(Zip Code)

RENT-A-CENTER EAST, INC. RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN FOR PUERTO RICO EMPLOYEES
(Full title of the plan)

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(Name and address of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting
company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Proposed
maximum

Proposed
maximum

Amount of

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| Title of securities to be registered | Amount to be registered(1) | offering price per share(2) | aggregate offering price(2) | registration fee(2) |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 150,000 shares | \$ 29.52 | \$ 4,428,000 | \$ 514.09 |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the plan named above.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with paragraphs (c) and (h) of Rule 457. under the Securities Act and based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, on January 24, 2011, as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.
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**PART I
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

Item 1. Plan Information.*

Item 2. Registration Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.*

* Information required by Part I of Form S-8 to be contained in a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

**PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, previously filed by Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the Registrant) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

1. Annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the Commission on February 26, 2010;
2. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010, filed with the Commission on April 30, 2010;
3. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2010, filed with the Commission on July 30, 2010;
4. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010, filed with the Commission on October 28, 2010;
5. Current reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on May 17, 2010, July 27, 2010, August 5, 2010, September 28, 2010, October 26, 2010, October 28, 2010, October 29, 2010, November 4, 2010 and December 20, 2010 (except any information furnished in the foregoing reports under Items 2.02 and 7.01 of Form 8-K); and
6. The description of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Common Stock), contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

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Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Delaware General Corporation Law

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL"), empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 of the DGCL further provides that to the extent a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any such action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; that the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which the indemnified party may be entitled; that indemnification provided by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators; and that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liabilities under Section 145.

Certificate of Incorporation, as Amended

The Registrant's certificate of incorporation, as amended, provides that its directors shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or to the Registrant's stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or the Registrant's stockholders;

for acts or occasions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

in respect of certain unlawful dividend payments or stock purchases or redemptions; or

for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

If the DGCL is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of the Registrant's directors, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided in the certificate of

incorporation, will be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Further, if such provision of the certificate of incorporation is repealed or modified by the Registrant's stockholders, such repeal or modification will be prospective only, and will not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of directors arising from an act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

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Amended and Restated Bylaws

The Registrant's bylaws provide that the Registrant shall indemnify its directors and officers upon request and approval to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL or any other applicable law. Such indemnity may be against reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, and other items incident to any suit or proceeding (as prescribed in the bylaws) with respect to which the director or officer is a witness or a party. In addition, upon request and approval, an officer or director shall be advanced expenses (as prescribed in the bylaws) within ten days after requesting them to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145(e) of the DGCL.

Insurance

The Registrant has obtained a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy insuring the directors and officers of the Registrant against certain losses resulting from wrongful acts committed by them as directors and officers of the Registrant, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act).

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

No original issue shares of Common Stock will be made available by the Registrant for acquisition by plan participants, and accordingly, in accordance with Item 8(a) of Form S-8, no opinion as to the legality of the shares is included in this filing.

Exhibit

Number

Description of Exhibit

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|-------|--|
| 4.1 | Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., as amended (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of December 31, 2002.) |
| 4.2 | Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., dated May 19, 2004 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.) |
| 4.3 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of September 28, 2010.) |
| 4.4 | Form of Certificate Evidencing Common Stock (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-4/A filed on January 13, 1999.) |
| 23* | Consent of Grant Thornton LLP |
| 24* | Power of Attorney (See Signature Page to this Registration Statement.) |
| 99.1* | Rent-A-Center East, Inc. Retirement Savings Plan for Puerto Rico Employees |

* Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment hereof) which, individually or in the

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aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; provided that any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in the volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in this Registration Statement; and

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement; *provided, however*, that the undertakings set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.
- 2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- 3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Plano, State of Texas, on this January 28, 2011.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

By: /s/ Robert D. Davis
 Robert D. Davis
 Executive Vice President Finance,
 Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark E. Speese and Robert D. Davis, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her on his or her behalf and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all documents relating to this Registration Statement, including and any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits and supplements thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises in order to effectuate the same, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|-------------------------|--|------------------|
| /s/ Mark E. Speese | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer | January 28, 2011 |
| Mark E. Speese | (Principal Executive Officer) | |
| /s/ Mitchell E. Fadel | President, Chief Operating Officer and Director | January 28, 2011 |
| Mitchell E. Fadel | | |
| /s/ Robert D. Davis | Executive Vice President Finance, Treasurer and Chief | January 28, 2011 |
| Robert D. Davis | Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) | |
| /s/ Michael J. Gade | Director | January 28, 2011 |
| Michael J. Gade | | |
| /s/ Jefferey M. Jackson | Director | January 28, 2011 |
| Jefferey M. Jackson | | |

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| Signature | Title | Date |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| /s/ Kerney Laday Kerney Laday | Director | January 28, 2011 |
| /s/ J.V. Lentell J.V. Lentell | Director | January 28, 2011 |
| Leonard H. Roberts | Director | January 28, 2011 |
| /s/ Paula Stern Paula Stern | Director | January 28, 2011 |

The Plans. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Plano, State of Texas, on this January 28, 2011.

RENT-A-CENTER EAST, INC. RETIREMENT
SAVINGS PLAN
FOR PUERTO RICO EMPLOYEES

By: /s/ Robert D. Davis
Robert D. Davis, Chair of the Administrative
Committee

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