KROGER CO

Form 5

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FORM 5

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Transactions Reported

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> DILLON DAVID B

Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

1014 VINE STREET

(First) (Middle)

KROGER CO [KR]
3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended

(Check all applicable)

(Month/Day/Year)

__X__ Director __X__ Officer (give title

_____ 10% Owner Other (specify

01/29/2005

below) below)

Chairman of the Board and CEO

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

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(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	l (A) of (D) 4 and (A) or))	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	622,289.1701 (1)	D	Â		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	225,100	I	by Spouse/Children		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	54,024	Ι	by Trust/Children		

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

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 $\label{thm:convergence} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \end{tabular}$

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 Exer Expiration D (Month/Day,	ate	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Number Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 6.375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	04/19/2005	Common Stock	64,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 6.9225	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	06/18/2005	Common Stock	36,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 10.375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	04/17/2006	Common Stock	72,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	30,0
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	30,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	35,0
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	35,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	50,0
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	50,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	175,0
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	35,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	35,0
Non-Qualified Performance	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	35,0

Stock Option										
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	70,0
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(8)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	35,0
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	12/12/2012	Common Stock	210,0
Non-Qualified	\$ 17.31	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/06/2014	Common	300.0

Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
DILLON DAVID B 1014 VINE STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	ÂΧ	Â	Chairman of the Board and CEO	Â			

Signatures

Stock Option

/s/ David B.
Dillon

**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) The total amount of securities directly owned by the reporting person includes shares in the Company's employee benefit plans which are deemed to be 'tax-conditioned plans' pursuant to Rule 16b-3, to the extent disclosed on reports received from plan trustees.
- These options were granted under an option plan of The Kroger Co. and vest in equal annual installments in whole share amounts over a (2) three-year period, at the rate of one-third per year commencing one year after the date of grant, with the remainder vesting three years from the date of grant.
- (3) These options were granted under an option 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 grant.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 63% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum of 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 200% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 75% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 252% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved an 81% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 16% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 280% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

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- These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 78% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 15% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 208% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.
- (8) These options will vest during the first four years from the date of the grant only if the Company's stock price has achieved a 55% appreciation from the option price. Thereafter, the options vest only if the Company's stock price has achieved a minimum 13% appreciation per annum from the date of grant or 185% appreciation, whichever is less. The options vest nine years and six months after grant, if not sooner vested.

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