

KROGER CO
Form S-8
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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

THE KROGER CO.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1014 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

31-0345740
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

45202
(Zip Code)

The Kroger Co. Savings Plan

(Full title of Plan)

Paul W. Heldman

Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel

The Kroger Co.

1014 Vine Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

(Name and address of agent for service)

(513) 762-4000

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title Of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock \$1 Par Value	25,000,000 shares(2)	\$16.51	\$412,750,000	\$33,391.48
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Securities Act Rule 457(c), on the basis of the average of the high and low sale prices of the Registrant's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on June 26, 2003, which date is within 5 business days prior to the date of the filing of this Registration Statement, as reported by The Wall Street Journal.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement also covers an indeterminate amount of plan interests to be offered or sold pursuant to the employee benefit plan described herein.
- (3) Preferred Stock Purchase Rights will be issued in conjunction with the shares of Common Stock to be issued for no additional consideration and therefore no registration fee is required. Prior to the occurrence of certain events, the Preferred Stock Purchase Rights will not be exercisable or evidenced separately from the Common Stock.
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PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

The Registrant is registering additional securities under the Plan covered hereby for which a Registration Statement on Form S-8, bearing Registration No. 333-45904, currently is effective, and therefore, pursuant to General Instruction E. of Form S-8, the Registrant elects to incorporate by reference the contents of such Registration Statement which constitute information required in the Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that 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 Cincinnati, State of Ohio, on July 3, 2003.

THE KROGER CO.

By:

(* DAVID B. DILLON)

David B. Dillon,
Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on July 3, 2003.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
(* J. MICHAEL SCHLOTMAN) _____ J. Michael Schlotman	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)
(* M. ELIZABETH VAN OFLEN) _____ M. Elizabeth Van Oflen	Vice President and Corporate Controller (principal accounting officer)
(* DAVID B. DILLON) _____ David B. Dillon	Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)
(* JOSEPH A. PICHLER) _____	Chairman of the Board of Directors and Director

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Joseph A. Pichler

(* DON W. McGEORGE)

President, Chief Operating Officer and Director

Don W. McGeorge

(* REUBEN V. ANDERSON)

Director

Reuben V. Anderson

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(* ROBERT D. BEYER)	Director
Robert D. Beyer	
(* JOHN L. CLENDENIN)	Director
John L. Clendenin	
(* RICHARD K. DAVIDSON)	Director
Richard K. Davidson	
(* JOHN T. LAMACCHIA)	Director
John T. LaMacchia	
(* DAVID B. LEWIS)	Director
David B. Lewis	
(* EDWARD M. LIDDY)	Director
Edward M. Liddy	
(* W. RODNEY McMULLEN)	Director
W. Rodney McMullen	
(* CLYDE R. MOORE)	Director
Clyde R. Moore	
(* THOMAS H. O LEARY)	Director
Thomas H. O Leary	
(* KATHERINE D. ORTEGA)	Director
Katherine D. Ortega	
(* SUSAN M. PHILLIPS)	Director
Susan M. Phillips	
	Director
Steven R. Rogel	
(* BOBBY S. SHACKOULS)	Director
Bobby S. Shackouls	

*By: (BRUCE M. GACK)

Bruce M. Gack

Attorney-in-fact

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The Plan. 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 Cincinnati, State of Ohio, on July 3, 2003.

THE KROGER CO. SAVINGS PLAN, ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

By: /s/ PAUL HELDMAN

Name: Paul Heldman
Title: Chairman of the Administrative
Committee

By: /s/ RICHARD A. MANKA

Name: Richard A. Manka
Title: Member of the Administrative
Committee

By: /s/ J. MICHAEL SCHLOTMAN

Name: J. Michael Schlotman
Title: Member of the Administrative
Committee

By: /s/ JIM R. THORNE

Name: Jim R. Thorne
Title: Member of the Administrative
Committee

By: /s/ DELLA WALL

Name: Della Wall
Title: Member of the Administrative
Committee

INDEX OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 4 Amended and Restated Rights Agreement. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 of Form 8-A/A Registration Statement, dated April 4, 1997, as amended by Form 8-A/A dated October 18, 1998.
- Exhibit 5.1 Opinion of Paul W. Heldman, Esquire, including his consent. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 5.2 IRS Determination Letter. Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 5.2 of Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-11859.
- Exhibit 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Accountants. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 23.2 Consent of Paul W. Heldman, Esquire. Contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto.
- Exhibit 24 Powers of Attorney of certain officers and directors of Kroger. Filed herewith.