

KROGER CO
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHLOTMAN J MICHAEL

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President and CFO

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1014 VINE STREET

(Street)

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
01/28/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Form Filed by 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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	65,788.0032 (1)	D	^
Common Stock	^	^	^	^ ^ ^	2,005	I	by Children

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)

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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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 05/14/2007	Common Stock 9,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (3) 05/14/2007	Common Stock 9,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 04/15/2008	Common Stock 9,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (3) 04/15/2008	Common Stock 9,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 05/26/2009	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (4) 05/26/2009	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 02/10/2010	Common Stock 50,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (5) 02/10/2010	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 05/09/2011	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (6) 05/09/2011	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 05/09/2012	Common Stock 20,000
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (7) 05/09/2012	Common Stock 10,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â (2) 12/12/2012	Common Stock 60,000

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