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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Mark One)

Annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of  
1934 (No Fee Required)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001

OR

Transition report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act  
of 1934 (No Fee Required)

For the transition period from \_\_\_ to \_\_\_

Commission file number 1-14387

A. Full title of the plan and address of the plan, if different from that of  
the issuer named below:

United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address  
of its principal executive office:

United Rentals, Inc.  
Five Greenwich Office Park  
Greenwich, Connecticut 06830

REQUIRED INFORMATION

United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Financial Statements  
and Supplemental Schedule

December 31, 2001 and 2000

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Report of Independent Auditors

To Participants and Administrator of  
United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan at December 31, 2001 and 2000, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Our audits were performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2001, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. This supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

June 25, 2002

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## Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

	December 31	
	2001	2000
Assets:		
Investments, at fair value:		
United Rentals, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 512,584	\$ 459,360
T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds	28,526,543	32,691,857
T. Rowe Price Equity Index Trust Fund	766,020	533,322
Total investments	29,805,147	33,684,539
Participant loans	1,701,015	1,809,452
Net assets available for benefits	\$31,506,162	\$35,493,991

See accompanying notes.

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## United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

### Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

	Year ended December 31	
	2001	2000
Additions:		
Investment income:		
Interest and dividend income	\$ 745,216	\$2,128,285
Net depreciation in fair value of investments	(2,029,782)	(2,117,057)
Employee rollover contributions	23,675	321,362
Transfers in from various plans	596,215	2,106,194
	(664,676)	2,438,784
Deductions:		
Benefits paid directly to participants	3,323,153	3,312,052
Net decrease	(3,987,829)	(873,268)
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	35,493,991	36,367,259
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	\$31,506,162	\$35,493,991

See accompanying notes.

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United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2001 and 2000

1. Plan Description

The following description of the United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution, discretionary profit sharing plan which was established by United Rentals, Inc. (the "Company") on April 1, 1999. An individual who was an employee of a prior employer acquired by the Company shall become a participant of the Plan on the date that their assets from the prior employer plan are transferred to the Plan.

On August 1, 2000, the Plan's trustee was changed from Merrill Lynch Trust Company, Inc. to T. Rowe Price Trust Company.

Contributions

Participants do not contribute any portion of their salary to the Plan. A participant may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans.

The Company may contribute a discretionary amount, if any, to the Plan determined annually by the Board of Directors of the Company. The Company did not make any contributions to the Plan in 2001 and 2000.

Participant Accounts

Each participant account is credited with the participant's share of Company discretionary contributions, if any, assets transferred to this Plan from the participant's prior employer plan, the participant's share of the net earnings or losses on the investments of the assets of the Plan, distributions from the participant's account, and any expenses or liabilities charged to the participant's account.

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United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Plan Description (continued)

Vesting

Participants in the Plan are fully vested in their accounts upon the transfer of their assets into the Plan.

Investment Options

All of the Plan's investment options are fully participant directed.

Participant Loans

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan terms range from one to five years for personal loans and up to a reasonable period of time as established by the Plan Administrator for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate determined by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service, death, disability or retirement a participant may receive a lump-sum amount equal to the vested value of his or her account.

Administrative Expenses

All of the Plan's administrative expenses are paid by the Company, except for investment related expenses which are charged directly to the participants' accounts.

Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

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United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

1. Plan Description (continued)

Transfers In

Transfers in from various plans during 2001 represents assets transferred to the Plan from the Mission Valley Equipment Rentals 401(k) Plan and other acquired companies' plans.

Transfers in from various plans during 2000 represent assets transferred to the Plan from the U.S. Rentals, Inc. Employer Retirement Savings Plan, Rental Tools & Equipment Co. International, Inc. 401(k) Savings and Profit Sharing Plan and other acquired companies' plans.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

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### Investments

The Plans investments are stated at fair value. Participant loans are valued at their outstanding principal balances, which approximate fair value.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

### 3. Income Tax Status

The Plan has applied for but not received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). The Company has indicated that it will take the necessary steps, if any, to maintain the Plan's qualified status.

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## United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

### Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

### 4. Investments

During 2001 and 2000, the Plan's investments (including investments purchased, sold as well as held during the period) appreciated (depreciated) in fair value as follows:

	Year ended December 31	
	2001	2000
United Rentals, Inc. Common Stock	\$ 129,568	\$ (19,760)
Merrill Lynch Basic Value Fund, Inc.	-	(8,461)
Federated Bond Fund	-	(675)
PIMCO Total Return Fund	-	12,934
Merrill Lynch Fundamental Growth Fund	-	602,211
Pioneer Growth Shares	-	147
Dreyfus Premier Balance Fund	-	(26,608)
AIM Blue Chip Fund	-	51,267
Van Kampen Emerging Growth Fund	-	(23,794)
AIM Value Fund	-	(53,649)
MFS Capital OPP Fund	-	29,651
Merrill Lynch S&P 500 Index Fund	-	2,316
Ivy International Fund II	-	(99,725)
Merrill Lynch Federal Securities Trust	-	758
AIM Charter Fund	-	6,429
AIM Equity Constellation Fund	-	48,720
AIM Weingarten Fund	-	15,314
Van Kampen American Value Fund	-	(1,015)
Merrill Lynch Capital Fund	-	(229)
Merrill Lynch Global Allocation Fund	-	1,205
Lord Abbett Development Growth Fund	-	23,852
AIM International Equity Fund	-	(27,014)
AIM Global Aggressive Growth Fund	-	(20,967)
T. Rowe Price Global Stock Fund	(22,190)	(24,666)
T. Rowe Price Value Fund	(24,949)	8,763

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T. Rowe Price International Stock Fund	(216,062)	(147,662)
T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund	(17,844)	(101,006)
T. Rowe Price Growth And Income Fund	(8,349)	(3,245)
T. Rowe Price Science & Technology Fund	(323,058)	(602,942)
T. Rowe Price Small-Cap Stock Fund	30,541	(19,831)
T. Rowe Price Spectrum Income Fund	(20,230)	18,473
T. Rowe Price Balanced Fund	(260,985)	(124,755)
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	(1,220,926)	(1,548,111)
T. Rowe Price Equity Index Trust Fund	(66,109)	(46,350)
T. Rowe Price Dividend Growth Fund	(9,189)	9,072
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	\$ (2,029,782)	\$ (2,117,057)
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United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

4. Investments (continued)

Individual investments that represent 5% or more of the fair value of the Plan's net assets available for benefits are as follows:

	December 31	
	2001	2000
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Blue Chip Growth Fund	\$ 7,729,167	\$ 10,368,768
Prime Reserve Fund	12,870,692	14,091,863
Balanced Fund	3,073,108	3,686,791
Participant loans	1,701,015	1,809,452

5. Subsequent Event

In January 2002, assets of approximately \$2.3 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, from the Access Rentals, Inc. Salary Deferral Plan and Cave Holdings 401(k) & Profit Sharing Plan were transferred into the Plan.

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United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan  
EIN# 06-1493538 Plan# 002

Schedule H, Line 4(i); Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

December 31, 2001

Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par or Maturity Value
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T. Rowe Price Trust Company\*

Spectrum Income Fund  
Balanced Fund  
Blue Chip Growth Fund  
Dividend Growth Fund  
Global Stock Fund  
Growth and Income Fund  
International Stock Fund  
New Horizons Fund  
Prime Reserve Fund  
Science & Technology Fund  
Small-Cap Stock Fund  
Value Fund  
Equity Index Trust Fund

United Rentals, Inc. Common Stock

Participant loans\*

With varying interest rates and maturity dates

\*Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

Note: The "Cost" column is not applicable because all of the Plan's investment programs are fully participant directed.

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EXHIBITS

23 Consent of Ernst & Young LLP

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

United Rentals, Inc. Acquisition Plan

Date: June 27, 2002  
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By: /s/ MICHAEL J. NOLAN  
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Name: Michael J. Nolan  
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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