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HENDERSON SCOTT M Syn			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KROGER CO [KR]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) 1014 VINE	, , , ,	(Month/I	 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 01/29/2005 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 				(Check all applicable) Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Vice President & Treasurer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
	(Street)									
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(City)	(State)	Tab	le I - Non-Der	ivative Se	curities	s Acqu	uired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or l of (D) 4 and 5 (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	10,376.4321 (1)	D	Â	
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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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	Secur Acqu (A) o	ivative urities uired or posed D) tr. 3,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 13.4375	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	05/14/2007	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.2344	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(3)	04/15/2008	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 27.1719	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(4)	05/26/2009	Common Stock	9,00
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 16.5938	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(5)	02/10/2010	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 24.43	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(6)	05/09/2011	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified Performance Stock Option	\$ 22.995	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(7)	05/09/2012	Common Stock	4,50
Non-Qualified	\$ 14.925	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	(2)	12/12/2012	Common	10,00

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Stock Option

Non-Qualified Stock Option

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HENDERSON SCOTT M

1014 VINE STREET Â Â Â Vice President & Treasurer Â

CINCINNATI, OHÂ 45202

Signatures

/s/ Scott M.
Henderson

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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.
- (2) 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.
- 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.
- 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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