

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or
Organization)

5700 Tennyson Parkway, Suite 100
Plano, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45-0491516
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

75024
(Zip Code)

RENT-A-CENTER, INC. 2006
LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

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Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	7,000,000 shares	\$26.765	\$187,355,000	\$20,046.99

- (1) Plus such indeterminable number of additional shares as may be issued as a result of an adjustment in the shares in the event of a stock split, stock dividend or similar capital adjustment, as required under the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Pursuant to Rule 457(h), this estimate is based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, on August 10, 2006 (as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market).

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.*

Item 2. Registration Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.*

* Information required by Part I of Form S-8 to be contained in a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which were filed by Rent-A-Center, Inc. (the "Registrant"), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), and any future filings made by the Registrant with the Commission under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents:

1. Annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the Commission on March 10, 2006;
2. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2006, filed with the Commission on May 1, 2006;
3. Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006, filed with the Commission on July 31, 2006;
4. Current report on Form 8-K, dated January 31, 2006, filed with the Commission on February 6, 2006;
5. Current report on Form 8-K, dated February 14, 2006, filed with the Commission on February 17, 2006;
6. Current report on Form 8-K, dated March 15, 2006, filed with the Commission on March 24, 2006;
7. Current report on Form 8-K, dated May 19, 2006, filed with the Commission on May 24, 2006;
8. Current report on Form 8-K, dated July 13, 2006, filed with the Commission on July 19, 2006;
9. Current report on Form 8-K, dated August 7, 2006, filed with the Commission on August 8, 2006; and
10. Current report on Form 8-K, dated August 10, 2006, filed with the Commission on August 11, 2006.

11. The description of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed by the Registrant with the Commission pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

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Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Delaware General Corporation Law

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “DGCL”), empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification may be made in respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any such action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, he or she shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys’ fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection therewith; that the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which the indemnified party may be entitled; that indemnification provided by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person’s heirs, executors and administrators; and that a corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him or her against such liabilities under Section 145.

Certificate of Incorporation, as Amended

The Registrant’s certificate of incorporation, as amended, provides that its directors shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or to the Registrant’s stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability:

- for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to the Registrant or the Registrant’s stockholders,
 - for acts or occasions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law,
 - in respect of certain unlawful dividend payments or stock purchases or redemptions, or
 - for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.
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If the DGCL is amended to authorize the further elimination or limitation of the liability of directors, then the liability of the Registrant's directors, in addition to the limitation on personal liability provided in the certificate of incorporation, will be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Further, if such provision of the certificate of incorporation is repealed or modified by the Registrant's stockholders, such repeal or modification will be prospective only, and will not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of directors arising from an act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

Amended and Restated Bylaws

The Registrant's bylaws provide that the Registrant shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors threatened to be or made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director of the Registrant, whether the basis of such a proceeding is alleged action in such person's official capacity or in another capacity while holding such office, to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL or any other applicable law, against all expense, liability and loss actually and reasonably incurred or suffered by such person in connection with such proceeding, so long as a majority of a quorum of disinterested directors, the stockholders or legal counsel through a written opinion determines that such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the Registrant's best interests, and in the case of a criminal proceeding, such person had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. Such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to serve in the capacity which initially entitled such person to indemnity thereunder and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators. The bylaws also contain certain provisions designed to facilitate receipt of such benefits by any such persons, including the prepayment of any such benefit.

Insurance

The Registrant has obtained a directors' and officers' liability insurance policy insuring the directors and officers of the Registrant against certain losses resulting from wrongful acts committed by them as directors and officers of the Registrant, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act").

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number		Description of Exhibit
4.1	—	Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., as amended (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of December 31, 2002.)
4.2	—	Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of Rent-A-Center, Inc., dated May 19, 2004 (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004.)
4.3	—	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Rent-A-Center, Inc. (Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.(ii) to the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated as of September 20, 2005.)
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4.5	—	Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.17 to the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2006.)
5.1*	—	Opinion of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. regarding the validity of the securities being registered.
23.1*	—	Consent of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (included as part of Exhibit 5.1).
23.2*	—	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP.
24*	—	Power of Attorney (See Signature Page to this Registration Statement)

* Filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

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1. To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment hereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; provided that any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in the volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in this Registration Statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

2. That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

3. To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered herein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

The Registrant. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe 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 Plano, State of Texas, on this 14th day of August, 2006.

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.

By: /s/ Robert D. Davis
Robert D. Davis
Senior Vice President – Finance,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Mark E. Speese and Robert D. Davis, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her on his or her behalf and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all documents relating to this Registration Statement, including and any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits and supplements thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, and hereby grants to such attorneys-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises in order to effectuate the same, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agent or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Mark E. Speese</u> Mark E. Speese	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	August 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Mitchell E. Fadel</u> Mitchell E. Fadel	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	August 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Robert D. Davis</u> Robert D. Davis	Senior Vice President – Finance, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Richard K. Armey</u> Richard K. Armey	Director	August 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Laurence M. Berg</u> Laurence M. Berg	Director	August 14, 2006
<u>/s/ Mary Elizabeth Burton</u> Mary Elizabeth Burton	Director	August 14, 2006

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<u>/s/ Peter P. Copses</u>	Director	August 14, 2006
Peter P. Copses		
<u>/s/ Michael J. Gade</u>	Director	August 14, 2006
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<u>/s/ J.V. Lentell</u>	Director	August 14, 2006
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August 14, 2006

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Re: Rent-A-Center, Inc. – Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel for Rent-A-Center, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the registration statement on Form S-8 (the “Registration Statement”) filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, covering the registration of 7,000,000 shares (the “Shares”) of the Company’s common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the “Common Stock”), which may hereafter be issued pursuant to the Rent-A-Center, Inc. 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Plan”).

In that connection, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such documents, corporate records and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate for the purposes of our opinion, including: (i) the Company’s Certificate of Incorporation and all amendments thereto, (ii) the Company’s Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended, and (iii) the applicable minutes of meetings or consents in lieu of meetings of the Company’s board of directors (the “Board”) and stockholders.

For the purposes of expressing the opinion hereinafter set forth, we have assumed: (i) the genuineness of all signatures and documents; (ii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals; (iii) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies; (iv) the correctness and accuracy of all facts set forth in the documents referred to in this opinion letter; and (v) compliance in the future with the terms of the Plan by the Company and its employees, officers, the Board and any committees appointed to administer the Plan.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the qualifications set forth herein, we are of the opinion that upon the issuance of Shares in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, including receipt prior to issuance by the Company of the full consideration for the Shares (which consideration shall be at least equal to the par value thereof), the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of Common Stock.

Our opinion herein is limited in all respects to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, which includes those statutory provisions as well as all applicable provisions of the

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Delaware Constitution and the reported judicial decisions interpreting such laws, and the federal laws of the United States of America, and we do not express any opinion as to the applicability of or the effect thereon of the laws of any other jurisdiction. We express no opinion as to any matter other than as set forth herein, and no opinion may be inferred or implied herefrom.

This firm consents to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We have issued our reports dated March 9, 2006, accompanying the consolidated financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the Annual Report of Rent-A-Center, Inc. on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005. We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of Rent-A-Center, Inc. on Form S-8.

/s/ Grant Thornton LLP
GRANT THORNTON LLP

Dallas, Texas
August 14, 2006