

RENT A CENTER INC DE  
Form 8-K  
October 26, 2004

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report:**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**October 25, 2004**

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**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-25370**

(Commission File Number)

**45-0491516**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**5700 Tennyson Parkway  
Plano, Texas 75024**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

**(972) 801-1100**

(Registrant's telephone  
number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the Registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12).
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)).
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)).
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

Attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 is the Registrant's press release reflecting earnings information for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

The press release contains information regarding EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization), which is a non-GAAP financial measure as defined in Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K. The press release also contains a reconciliation of EBITDA to the Registrant's reported earnings before income taxes. Management of the Registrant believes that presentation of EBITDA is useful to investors, as among other things, this information impacts certain financial covenants under the Registrant's senior credit facilities and the indenture governing its 7 1/2% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2010. While management believes this non-GAAP financial measure is useful in evaluating the Registrant, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for or superior to the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Further, the non-GAAP financial measure may differ from similar measures presented by other companies.

Pursuant to General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, all of the information contained in this Form 8-K and the accompanying exhibit shall be deemed to be furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and, therefore, shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(c) Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated October 25, 2004.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**RENT-A-CENTER, INC.**

Date: October 25, 2004

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

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