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Form 8-K
April 29, 2003

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

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):

April 28, 2003

RENT-A-CENTER, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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| Delaware | 0-25370 | 45-0491516 |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

5700 Tennyson Parkway
Third Floor
Plano, Texas 75024
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(972) 801-1100
(Registrant's telephone
number, including area code)

No Change
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

- (a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.
Not applicable.
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information.
Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press release, dated April 28, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure and Item 12. 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 March 31, 2003.

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 facility and the indenture governing its 11% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. 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.

The information under this caption is furnished under Item 9 in place of Item 12 of Form 8-K in accordance with interim guidance provided by the Securities and Exchange Commission in Release No. 33-8216 issued March 27, 2003. All of the information in this Form 8-K and the accompanying exhibit shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and shall not be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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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: April 28, 2003

By: /s/ Mitchell E. Fadel

Mitchell E. Fadel
President and Chief Operating Officer

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