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CIRCUIT CITY STORES INC
Form 8-K
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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 8, 2005

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

001-05767

(Commission
File No.)

54-0493875

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(804) 527-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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SECTION 7 - REGULATION FD

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

Comparable Store Sales Calculation Change. The company has updated its calculation of comparable store sales to more accurately reflect business trends, including the growing importance of service-related revenues.

During the fourth quarter ended February 28, 2005, the company expanded the revenues included in comparable store sales to include extended warranties, installations and other non-merchandise revenues. Previously, revenues included in the comparable store sales calculation were limited to merchandise sales.

A summary of the comparable store sales changes for fiscal 2005 were disclosed in the fiscal year 2005 sales release dated March 4, 2005 and in the Form 8-K filed the same day. A summary of comparable store sales changes under the previous methodology compared to comparable store sales changes for those periods of fiscal 2004 using the current methodology follows.

| Fiscal 2004 | Previous Methodology | Current Methodology |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| First Quarter..... | (9.6)% | (10.5)% |
| Second Quarter..... | (4.6)% | (3.3)% |
| Third Quarter..... | (0.7)% | (1.7)% |
| December..... | (2.0)% | (2.0)% |
| Fourth Quarter..... | 1.1% | 1.3% |
| Fiscal Year..... | (2.9)% | (1.2)% |

Reclassification of Certain Revenues, Costs and Expenses. The company has reclassified certain revenues, costs and expenses relating primarily to mobile audio installations. These items, which were previously presented on a net basis as an offset to selling, general and administrative expense, will now be presented on a gross basis. Consolidated statements of operations that reflect the reclassifications for the first three quarters of fiscal 2005 and the four quarters of fiscal 2004 were included in the fiscal year 2005 sales release dated March 4, 2005 and in the Form 8-K filed the same day.

The selling, general and administrative expenses for the first three quarters of fiscal 2005 are as follows:

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

| (Dollar amounts in millions) | Three Months Ended | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | May 31, 2004 | | Aug. 31, 2004 | | Nov. 30, 2004 | |
| | \$ (a) | % of Sales | \$ (b) | % of Sales | \$ (c) | % of Sales |
| Store expense..... | \$457.6 | 21.9% | \$526.3 | 22.1% | \$559.4 | 22.1% |
| General and administrative expenses.. | 43.9 | 2.0 | 56.6 | 2.4 | 61.0 | 2.4 |
| Remodel expenses..... | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.2 | - |
| Relocation expenses..... | 1.9 | 0.1 | 16.5 | 0.7 | 14.9 | 0.6 |
| Pre-opening expenses..... | 0.8 | - | 3.6 | 0.1 | 7.5 | 0.3 |
| Interest income..... | (2.1) | (0.1) | (3.2) | (0.1) | (3.4) | (0.1) |
| Total..... | \$502.2 | 23.9% | \$599.8 | 25.2% | \$639.6 | 25.3% |

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- (a) Includes international segment store expenses of \$6.6 and general and administrative expenses of \$1.4 million.
- (b) Includes international segment store expenses of \$32.1 and general and administrative expenses of \$8.2 million.
- (c) Includes international segment store expenses of \$38.2 and general and administrative expenses of \$8.4 million.

The selling, general and administrative expenses by quarter for fiscal 2004 are as follows:

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

| (Dollar amounts in millions) | Three Months Ended | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| | May 31, 2003 | | Aug. 31, 2003 | | Nov. 30, 2003 | | Feb. 29, | |
| | \$ | % of Sales | \$ | % of Sales | \$ | % of Sales | \$ | |
| Store expense..... | \$447.4 | 22.9% | \$485.5 | 22.3% | \$521.3 | 21.5% | \$564.6 | |
| General and administrative expenses..... | 42.1 | 2.1 | 48.0 | 2.2 | 46.6 | 1.9 | 65.4 | |
| Remodel expenses..... | 11.4 | 0.6 | 18.2 | 0.8 | 0.3 | - | (5.9) | |
| Relocation expenses..... | 5.1 | 0.2 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 9.8 | 0.4 | 11.6 | |
| Pre-opening expenses..... | 1.7 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 0.2 | 1.3 | |
| Interest income..... | (2.4) | (0.1) | (1.7) | (0.1) | (1.2) | (0.1) | (1.2) | |
| Total..... | \$505.3 | 25.8% | \$555.4 | 25.5% | \$581.0 | 23.9% | \$635.8 | |

The change in the comparable store sales calculation and the reclassifications have no impact on historical or future earnings or loss before taxes, net earnings or loss, or cash flows.

SIGNATURE

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

CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.

By: /s/Philip J. Dunn

Philip J. Dunn
Senior Vice President, Treasurer,
Corporate Controller and
Chief Accounting Officer

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