

CULP INC
Form S-8
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

CULP, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant, as Specified in Its Charter)

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| North Carolina (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 1823 Eastchester Drive, High Point, North Carolina 27265 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) Culp Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan (Full Title of the Plan) Franklin N. Saxon Culp, Inc. 1823 Eastchester Drive Post Office Box 2686 High Point, North Carolina 27265 (Name and Address of Agent For Service) (336) 889-5161 (Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service) | 56-1001967 (I.R.S. Employer) Identification No.) |
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Copy to:

Henry H. Ralston
Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.
101 North Tryon Street, Suite 1900
Charlotte, North Carolina 28246
(704) 377-2536

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered | Amount To Be Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount Of Registration Fee |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|----------------------------------|
| Common Stock, \$0.05 par value per share (including associated rights for purchase of Series A Participating Preferred Shares) ⁽¹⁾ | 1,200,000 ⁽²⁾ | \$9.02 | \$10,824,000 | \$333.00 ⁽³⁾ |

(1)

Each share of common stock offered hereby will have one associated right for the purchase of the Registrant's Series A Participating Preferred Shares pursuant to the Rights Agreement, dated as of October 8, 1999, between the Registrant and the EquiServe Trust Company, N.A., as rights agent.

- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement also relates to an indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock that may be necessary to adjust the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to Culp, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan as a result of a stock split, stock dividend or similar adjustment of the outstanding common stock of the Registrant.

(3)

Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act, calculated on the basis of \$9.02 per share, the average of the high and low share prices of the Registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on November 23, 2007. In addition, pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, the Registrant hereby offsets the registration fee required in connection with the Registration Statement by \$280.87 previously paid by the Registrant in connection with the registration of 1,000,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-101805) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 12, 2002, 332,750 of which shares have not been issued or reserved for issuance and

have been or will
be deregistered
pursuant to a
post-effective
amendment to
such registration
statement filed on
the date hereof.
Accordingly, a
filing fee of
\$53.00 is being
paid in
connection
herewith.

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**PART I
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS**

Note: The document containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to participants in the Culp, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) under the Securities Act of 1933. In accordance with Rule 428 and the requirements of Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Culp, Inc. (the Company) will maintain a file of such documents in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428. Upon request, the Company will furnish to the Commission or its staff a copy or copies of all of the documents included in such file.

**PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents previously filed with the Commission by the Company are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement:

- (a) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 29, 2007;
- (b) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended July 29, 2007;
- (c) the Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on June 19, 2007, June 25, 2007, June 29, 2007, August 28, 2007, September 24, 2007, September 27, 2007, September 27, 2007 and November 13, 2007;
- (d) the description of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.05 per share, contained in the Company's registration statements filed pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such descriptions; and
- (e) any other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since April 29, 2007.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered by this registration statement have been sold or that deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in the documents incorporated, or deemed to be incorporated, by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document that also is, or is deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts And Counsel.

Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A., Charlotte, North Carolina, will give an opinion about the legality of the securities registered by the Registration Statement. As of November 26, 2007, members of Robinson, Bradshaw

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& Hinson, P.A. beneficially owned less than 1% of the Company's common stock. Henry R. Ralston, an Assistant Secretary of the Company, is a member of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 55-2-02 of the North Carolina Business Corporation Act (the North Carolina Act) enables a corporation in its articles of incorporation to eliminate or limit, with certain exceptions, the personal liability of directors for monetary damages for breach of their duties as directors. No such provision is effective to eliminate or limit a director's liability for: (i) acts or omissions that the director at the time of the breach knew or believed to be clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation; (ii) improper distributions as described in Section 55-8-33 of the North Carolina Act; (iii) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit; or (iv) acts or omissions occurring prior to the date the exculpatory provision became effective. The Company's articles of incorporation, as amended, limit the personal liability of its directors to the fullest extent permitted by the North Carolina Act, as amended from time to time. Any repeal or modification of this provision by the Company's shareholders will not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director of the Company existing at the time of the repeal or modification.

Sections 55-8-50 through 55-8-58 of the North Carolina Act permit a corporation to indemnify its directors, officers, employees or agents under either or both a statutory or nonstatutory scheme of indemnification. Under the statutory scheme, a corporation may, with certain exceptions, indemnify a director of the corporation who was, is, or is threatened to be made, a party to any threatened, pending or completed legal action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative because of the fact that such person was or is a director of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director of another corporation or enterprise. This indemnity may include the obligation to pay any judgment, settlement, penalty, fine (including an excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan) or reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a proceeding (including counsel fees), but no such indemnification may be granted unless such director (i) conducted himself in good faith, (ii) reasonably believed (a) that any action taken in his official capacity with the corporation was in the best interests of the corporation or (b) that in all other cases his conduct was not opposed to the corporation's best interests, and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Whether a director has met the requisite standard of conduct for the type of indemnification set forth above is determined by a majority vote of a quorum of the board of directors (excluding any director party to the proceeding at question), a committee of directors, special legal counsel or the shareholders in accordance with Section 55-8-55 of the North Carolina Act. Under the statutory scheme, a corporation may not indemnify a director in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the corporation in which a director was adjudged liable to the corporation or in connection with any other proceeding in which a director was adjudged liable on the basis of having received an improper personal benefit.

Sections 55-8-52 and 55-8-56 of the North Carolina Act require a corporation, unless its articles of incorporation provide otherwise, to indemnify a director or officer who has been wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which such director or officer was, or was threatened to be, made a party because he is or was a director or officer of the corporation. Unless prohibited by the articles of incorporation, a director or officer also may make application and obtain court-ordered indemnification if the court determines that such director or officer is entitled to mandatory indemnification under Section 55-8-52 of the North Carolina Act or is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances.

In addition to, and notwithstanding the conditions of and limitations on, the indemnification described above under the statutory scheme, Section 55-8-57 of the North Carolina Act permits a corporation, in its articles of incorporation or bylaws, by contract or by resolution, to indemnify, or agree to indemnify, any of its directors, officers, employees or agents against liability and expenses (including counsel fees) in any proceeding (including proceedings brought by or on behalf of the corporation) arising out of their status as such or their activities in such capacities, except for any liabilities or expenses incurred on account of activities that were, at the time taken, known or believed by the person to be clearly in conflict with the best interests of the corporation.

In addition, Section 55-8-57 of the North Carolina Act authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation against

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certain liabilities incurred by such a person, whether or not the corporation is otherwise authorized by the North Carolina Act to indemnify that person. The Company has purchased and maintains such insurance.

The Company's restated and amended bylaws provide that the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless any person who at any time serves or has served as a director of the Company to the fullest extent from time to time permitted by law in the event such person is made, or threatened to be made, a party to any pending, threatened or completed civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or arbitrative action, suit or proceeding, and any appeal therein (and any inquiry or investigation that could lead to such action, suit or proceeding), whether or not brought by or on behalf of the Company, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or serves or served any other enterprise as a director, officer, employee or agent at the request of the Company. The rights of any director or former director cover all liability and expense (including attorneys' fees), to the fullest extent from time to time permitted by law, and include the advancement of expenses. The Company's bylaws do not require the Company to indemnify a director or former director for amounts paid in settlement without the Company's written consent, which consent the Company may not unreasonably withhold. The bylaws also state that the rights of indemnification and reimbursement are not exclusive of other rights to which the director or former director may be entitled under any statute, agreement, insurance policy or otherwise. Upon the death of the director or former director, the bylaws extend the rights of indemnification and reimbursement to such director's legal representative.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The Company hereby undertakes:

(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 of 1933, as amended (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. Notwithstanding the foregoing, 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 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 the effective 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;

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provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (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 therein, 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 Company 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 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) The Company hereby undertakes that 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.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that 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 High Point, State of North Carolina on this 27th day of November, 2007.

CULP, INC.

By: /s/ Franklin N. Saxon
 Franklin N. Saxon
 President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Each of the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Franklin N. Saxon and Kenneth R. Bowling, and each of them, with full power to act without the other and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, for him and in his name, place, and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign on his behalf any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments and amendments thereto) to this registration statement and any related registration statement (and any amendments thereto) filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, and grants unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, 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 as fully as to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, and hereby ratifies and confirms all that such attorneys-in-fact or agents, or any of them, or their substitutes shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature | Title | Date |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| /s/ Franklin N. Saxon | President and Chief Executive Officer, Director | November 27, 2007 |
| Franklin N. Saxon | | |
| /s/ Kenneth R. Bowling | Chief Financial Officer | November 27, 2007 |
| Kenneth R. Bowling | | |
| /s/ Thomas B. Gallagher, Jr. | Corporate Controller (chief accounting officer) | November 27, 2007 |
| Thomas B. Gallagher, Jr. | | |
| /s/ Robert G. Culp, III | Chairman of the Board of Directors | November 27, 2007 |
| Robert G. Culp, III | | |
| /s/ Patrick B. Flavin | Director | November 27, 2007 |
| Patrick B. Flavin | | |

/s/ Kenneth R. Larson

Director

November 27, 2007

Kenneth R. Larson

/s/ Kenneth W. McAllister

Director

November 27, 2007

Kenneth W. McAllister

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| EXHIBIT NO. | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------|--|
| 4.1 | Registration Rights and Shareholder Agreement, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 26, 2007, is incorporated herein by reference. |
| 4.2 | Rights Agreement, dated as of October 8, 1999, between the Company and EquiServe Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, including the form of Articles of Amendment with respect to the Series A Participating Preferred Stock included as Exhibit A to the Rights Agreement, the form of Rights Certificate, included as Exhibit B to the Rights Agreement, and the form of Summary of Rights included as Exhibit C to the Rights Agreement. The Rights Agreement was filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 12, 1999, and is incorporated herein by reference. |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. |
| 23.1* | Consent of Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. (included in Exhibit 5.1) |
| 23.2* | Consent of KPMG LLP |
| 24.1* | Powers of Attorney (included on the signature page of the Registration Statement). |

* Filed herewith