

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP
Form 10-Q
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

OR

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

Commission file number 1-4040

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 51-0080535
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3711 Kennett Pike, Greenville, Delaware 19807
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 302/434-3100

Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by
Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during
the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing
requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes X No ___

As of July 31, 2001, the Registrant had 350,000 shares of
capital stock outstanding, all of which were held by Sears,
Roebuck and Co.

Registrant meets the conditions set forth in General
Instruction H(1) (a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing
this Form with a reduced disclosure format.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION
ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(millions, except share data)	(unaudited)		
	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000	Dec. 30, 2000
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 163	\$ 31	\$ 442
Notes of Sears	16,210	16,505	16,879
Other assets	49	57	45
 Total assets	 \$ 16,422	 \$ 16,593	 \$ 17,366
 Liabilities			
Commercial paper (net of unamortized discount of \$11, \$9 and \$25)	\$ 2,892	\$ 2,284	\$ 3,934
Medium-term notes (net of unamortized discount of \$7, \$8 and \$7)	3,820	5,564	4,608
Discrete underwritten debt (net of unamortized discount of \$26, \$22 and \$21)	6,374	5,578	5,579

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Accrued interest and other liabilities	165	155	151
Total liabilities	13,251	13,581	14,272
Shareholder's Equity			
Common share, par value \$100 per share; 500,000 shares authorized; 350,000 shares issued and outstanding	35	35	35
Capital in excess of par value	1,150	1,150	1,150
Retained income	1,986	1,827	1,909
Total shareholder's equity	3,171	3,012	3,094
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	\$ 16,422	\$ 16,593	\$ 17,366

See notes to financial statements.

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SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(unaudited)

(millions, except ratios)	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000
Revenues				
Earnings on notes of Sears	\$ 274	\$ 296	\$ 574	\$ 595
Earnings on cash equivalents	2	3	6	6
Total revenues	276	299	580	601
Expenses				
Interest expense and amortization of debt discount/premium	220	237	461	477
Operating expenses	-	1	1	2
Total expenses	220	238	462	479
Income before income taxes	56	61	118	122
Income taxes	19	22	41	43

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Net income	\$ 37	\$ 39	\$ 77	\$ 79
Ratios of earnings to fixed charges	1.25	1.26	1.26	1.26

See notes to financial statements.

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SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

(millions)	26 Weeks Ended	
	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 77	\$ 79
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, amortization and other noncash items	5	9
Increase in other assets	(4)	-
Increase(decrease)in other liabilities	14	(18)
Net cash provided by operating activities	92	70
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Decrease in notes of Sears	669	301
Net cash provided by investing activities	669	301
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Decrease in commercial paper, primarily 90 days or less	(1,042)	(391)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	793	86
Payments for redemption of long-term debt	(788)	(489)
Issue costs paid to issue debt	(3)	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(1,040)	(794)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(279)	(423)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	442	454
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 163	\$ 31

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

1. Significant Accounting Policies

The unaudited interim financial statements of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. ("SRAC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Co. ("Sears"), reflect all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring accruals) which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or omitted. The significant accounting policies used in the presentation of these financial statements are consistent with the summary of significant accounting policies set forth in SRAC's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the 52 weeks ended December 30, 2000, and these financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes found therein. The results of operations for the interim periods should not be considered indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

2. Back-up Liquidity

SRAC continued to provide support for 100% of its outstanding commercial paper through its short term liquid investments and available credit facilities. SRAC's liquid investments fluctuated from a low of \$1 million to a high of \$704 million in the second quarter of 2001. Available credit facilities as of June 30, 2001 were as follows:

Expiration Date	(millions)
April 2002	\$ 875
April 2003	4,185

	\$5,060
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3. Medium-term Notes and Discrete Underwritten Debt

Medium-term notes and discrete underwritten debt are issued with either a floating rate indexed to LIBOR or a fixed rate.

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(dollars in millions; terms in years)

ISSUANCE

	2001 Volume	Avg. Rate	Avg. Orig. Term	2000 Volume	Avg. Rate	Avg. Orig. Term
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13 Weeks Ended:						
Medium-term notes	\$ -	-%	-	\$ -	-%	-
Discrete debt	\$ -	-%	-	\$ -	-%	-
26 Weeks Ended:						
Medium-term notes	\$ -	-%	-	\$ 95	6.58%	3.6
Discrete debt	\$ 800	7.00%	10.0	\$ -	-%	-

GROSS OUTSTANDING

	06/30/01 Balance	Avg. Coupon	Avg. Remain. Term	07/01/00 Balance	Avg. Coupon	Avg. Remain. Term
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Medium-term notes	\$3,827	6.46%	1.5	\$5,572	6.55%	2.2
Discrete debt	\$6,400	6.65%	10.5	\$5,600	6.60%	11.7

MATURITIES

Year	Medium-term notes	Discrete debt
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2001	\$1,330	\$ -
2002	958	600
2003	1,075	1,250
2004	202	-
2005	36	250
Thereafter	226	4,300
Total	\$3,827	\$6,400
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Shareholder of
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.:

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Co.) as of June 30, 2001 and July 1, 2000, and the related statements of income for the 13 week and 26 week periods then ended and cash flows for the 26 week periods then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.'s management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with standards established

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by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures to financial data and of making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to such financial statements for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have previously audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the statement of financial position of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. as of December 30, 2000 and the related statements of income, shareholder's equity and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated January 19, 2001, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying statement of financial position as of December 30, 2000 is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the statement of financial position from which it has been derived.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP
Deloitte & Touche LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
July 10, 2001

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ITEM 2. ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.'s ("SRAC") income is derived primarily from the earnings on its investment in the notes and receivable balances of Sears, Roebuck and Co. ("Sears") and invested cash. During the second quarter of 2001, SRAC revenues decreased to \$276 million from \$299 million in the comparable 2000 period. For the first six months of 2001, SRAC's revenues declined to \$580 million from \$601 million for the comparable 2000 period. The decrease in revenue resulted from a reduction in the average rates on earning assets and lower asset balances from 2000 to 2001. Cash inflows from the reduced investment in the Notes of Sears allowed SRAC to reduce the level of its debt outstanding.

SRAC's interest and related expenses decreased 7% to \$220 million from \$237 million and 3% to \$461 million from \$477 million for the second quarter and first half of 2001, respectively, as compared to the comparable 2000 periods. Interest and related expenses decreased during the second quarter and first half of 2001 due to decreases in both the cost of short-term funds and average long-term debt levels. SRAC's cost of short-term funds averaged 5.08% in the second quarter and 6.18% in the first six months of 2001 compared to 6.49% and 6.27% for the same periods in 2000. SRAC's average long-term debt of \$10.5 billion in the second quarter of 2001 and \$10.6 billion in the first six months of 2001 reflect decreases of 9% and 8%,

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respectively, compared with \$11.5 billion for the same periods in 2000. Reductions in interest and related expenses were partially offset during these periods by increases in average short-term debt levels and the average cost of long-term funds. SRAC's short-term borrowings averaged \$3.4 billion for both the second quarter and first half of 2001, compared to \$2.6 billion and \$2.7 billion for the respective 2000 periods. SRAC's cost of long-term funds averaged 6.64% in the second quarter and 6.68% in the first six months of 2001 compared to 6.59% and 6.60% for the same periods in 2000.

SRAC's net income of \$37 million and \$77 million for the second quarter and first half of 2001, respectively, decreased from the comparable 2000 period amounts of \$39 million and \$79 million.

SRAC's ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the second quarter and first half of 2001 was 1.25 and 1.26, respectively compared to 1.26 for the comparable 2000 periods.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) The exhibits listed in the "Exhibit Index" are filed as part of this report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K:

There were no reports filed on Form 8-K.

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SIGNATURE

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 thereunto duly authorized.

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ George F. Slook

George F. Slook
Vice President, Finance
and Assistant Secretary
(principal financial
officer and authorized
officer of Registrant)

August 9, 2001

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EXHIBIT INDEX

- 3(a) Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as in effect at November 13, 1987 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 28(c) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1987]
- 3(b) By-laws of the Registrant, as in effect at October 20, 1999 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3(b) to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended October 2, 1999]
- 4 The Registrant hereby agrees to furnish the Commission, upon request, with each instrument defining the rights of holders of long-term debt of the Registrant with

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respect to which the total amount of securities authorized does not exceed 10% of the total assets of the Registrant.

- 12 Calculation of ratios of earnings to fixed charges.*
- 15 Acknowledgment of awareness from Deloitte & Touche LLP, dated August 9, 2001 concerning unaudited financial information.*

*Filed herewith.

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Exhibit 12

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.

CALCULATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

(millions)	13 Weeks Ended		26 Weeks Ended	
	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000	June 30, 2001	July 1, 2000
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	\$ 56	\$ 61	\$ 118	\$ 122
PLUS FIXED CHARGES:				
Interest	219	232	456	468
Amortization of debt discount/premium	1	5	5	9
Total fixed charges	220	237	461	477
EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES AND FIXED CHARGES	\$ 276	\$ 298	\$ 579	\$ 599
RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED				

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EXHIBIT 15

Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.
Greenville, Delaware

We have made a review, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, of the unaudited interim financial information of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. for the periods ended June 30, 2001 and July 1, 2000, as indicated in our report dated July 10, 2001; because we did not perform an audit, we expressed no opinion on that information.

We are aware that our report referred to above, which is included in your Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2001, is incorporated by reference in Registration Statement Nos.333-30879 and 333-62847 on Forms S-3.

We are also aware that the aforementioned reports, pursuant to Rule 436(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, is not considered a part of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by an accountant or a report prepared or certified by an accountant within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of that Act.

Deloitte & Touche LLP
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 9, 2001

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