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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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SCHEDULE 13D

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*  
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Argan, Inc.  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.15  
(Title of Class of Securities)

746375104  
(CUSIP Number)

Richard A. Krantz  
Robinson & Cole LLP  
Financial Centre  
695 East Main Street  
Stamford, Connecticut 06901  
(203) 462-7505  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 8, 2006  
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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(1) Names of reporting persons IRS Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
MSR I SBIC, L.P.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)  
(a)   
(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)  
WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization  
Delaware

	(7)	Sole Voting Power	786,937
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	(8)	Shared Voting Power	0
	(9)	Sole Dispositive Power	786,937
	(10)	Shared Dispositive Power	0

(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
786,937

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(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
17.2%

(14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
PN

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(1) Names of reporting persons IRS Identification Nos. of above persons  
(entities only).  
Tri-Lev LLC

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)  
WC

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization  
Connecticut

	(7)	Sole Voting Power	3,000
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	(8)	Shared Voting Power	0
	(9)	Sole Dispositive Power	3,000
	(10)	Shared Dispositive Power	0

(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
3,000

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(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

0%

(14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

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(1) Names of reporting persons IRS Identification Nos. of above persons  
(entities only).  
MSR Advisors, Inc.

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)

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(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Connecticut

	(7)	Sole Voting Power	50,000 (1)
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:	(8)	Shared Voting Power	786,937 (2)
	(9)	Sole Dispositive Power	50,000 (1)
	(10)	Shared Dispositive Power	786,937 (2)

(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

836,937 (1) (2)

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(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

18.1%

(14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

CO

- (1) 50,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held by MSR Advisors, Inc.  
(2) MSR Advisors, Inc. may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 786,937 shares of Common Stock held directly by MSR I SBIC, L.P.

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(1) Names of reporting persons IRS Identification Nos. of above persons  
(entities only).  
MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)

(a)

(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)

AF

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization

Connecticut

(7) Sole Voting Power 0

Number of  
shares  
beneficially  
owned by each  
reporting  
person with:

(8) Shared Voting Power 786,937 (1)

(9) Sole Dispositive Power 0

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(10) Shared Dispositive Power 786,937(1)

(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
786,937(1)

(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)  
17.2%

(14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)  
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(1) MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own  
786,937 shares of Common Stock held directly by MSR I SBIC, L.P.

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(1) Names of reporting persons IRS Identification Nos. of above persons  
(entities only).  
Daniel A. Levinson

(2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (see instructions)  
(a)   
(b)

(3) SEC use only

(4) Source of funds (see instructions)  
AF

(5) Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to  
Items 2(d) or 2(e)

(6) Citizenship or place of organization  
U.S.

(7) Sole Voting Power 5,000(1)

Number of  
shares  
beneficially  
owned by each  
reporting

(8) Shared Voting Power 839,937(2)

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person with:	(9) Sole Dispositive Power	5,000(1)
	(10) Shared Dispositive Power	839,937(2)
(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person	844,937(1)(2)	
(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)	_	
(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)	18.3%	
(14) Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)	IN	

(1) 5,000 shares of Common Stock underlying stock option held by Mr. Levinson.  
(2) Mr. Levinson may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own (i) 786,937 shares of Common Stock held directly by MSR I SBIC, L.P., (ii) 3,000 shares of Common Stock held directly by Tri-Lev LLC and (iii) 50,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants held directly by MSR Advisors, Inc.

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### ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER

This Statement on Schedule 13D (this "Schedule 13D") relates to the common stock, par value \$0.15 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Argan, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"), acquired from Issuer in a private offering (the "Private Offering") pursuant to that certain Stock Purchase Agreement by and between Issuer and MSR I SBIC, L.P. dated May 4, 2006 (the "Stock Purchase Agreement").

The address of Issuer's principal office is One Church Street, Suite 302, Rockville, MD 20850.

### ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND

This Schedule 13D is being filed on behalf of MSR I SBIC, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("MSRI"), MSR Advisors, Inc. a Connecticut corporation ("MSRA"), MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company ("MSRI Partners"), Tri-Lev LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company ("Tri-Lev"), and Daniel A. Levinson, an individual and citizen of the United States ("Levinson" and, collectively with MSRI, MSRA, MSRI Partners and Tri-Lev, the "Reporting Persons").

Appendix A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference sets forth with respect to each general partner, executive officer and director of MSRI, MSRA, MSRI Partners and Tri-Lev the following information: (a) name; (b)

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residence or business address; (c) present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted; and (d) citizenship of such person.

MSRI's principal business is to invest in small to mid-sized companies with less than \$18,000,000 in net worth. The principal business address of MSRI is 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

Tri-Lev's principal business is investing in a variety of investments. The principal business address of Tri-Lev is 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

MSRA's principal business is to act as an investment counselor and portfolio manager of certain funds. The principal business address of MSRA is 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

MSRI Partners' principal business is acting as the general partner of MSRI. The principal business address of MSRI Partners is 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

Levinson's principal business is acting as the president of MSRA. Levinson's principal business address is 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

None of the Reporting Persons or the individuals listed in Appendix A has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) during the past five years.

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None of the Reporting Persons or the individuals listed in Appendix A has been a party to any civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree, or final order enjoining further violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws, or finding any violation with respect to such laws during the last five years.

### ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION

On May 8, 2006, Issuer issued to MSR I SBIC, L.P. 240,000 shares of its common stock pursuant to a certain Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of May 4, 2006. MSR I SBIC, L.P. is an entity ultimately controlled by Levinson. Accordingly, Levinson may be deemed to beneficially own 786,937 shares of common stock held by MSR I SBIC, L.P. (including the 240,000 shares issued to MSR SBIC I, L.P. on May 8, 2006) as well as (i) 3,000 shares of common stock held by Tri-Lev LLC, (ii) 50,000 shares of common stock underlying warrants held by MSR Advisors, Inc. and (iii) 5,000 shares of common stock underlying a stock option held by Levinson. The source of funds for the purchase of the 240,000 shares of common stock was working capital of MSR I SBIC, L.P.

### ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

The Common Stock has been acquired for the purpose of making an investment in the Issuer and not with the present intention of acquiring control of the Issuer's business. Levinson participates directly in the management of the



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Issuer through representation on the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "Board") by virtue of Levinson's appointment to fill a vacancy on the Board effective as of May 1, 2003.

The Reporting Persons intend to review the investment in the Issuer on the basis of various factors, including the Issuer's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic and industry conditions, the securities markets in general and those for the Issuer's securities in particular, as well as other developments and other investment opportunities. Based upon such review, the Reporting Persons will take such actions in the future as they may deem appropriate in light of the circumstances existing from time to time. If the Reporting Persons believe that further investment in the Issuer is attractive, whether because of the market price of the Issuer's securities or otherwise, they may acquire shares of Common Stock or other securities of the Issuer either in the open market or in privately-negotiated transactions. Similarly, depending on market conditions and other factors, the Reporting Persons may determine to dispose of some or all of the securities currently owned by the Reporting Persons or otherwise acquired by the Reporting Persons either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Except as set forth above, the Reporting Persons have not formulated any plans or proposals that relate to or would result in:

- (a) The acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer, or the disposition of securities of the Issuer;

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- (b) An extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (c) A sale or transfer of a material amount of assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries;
- (d) Any change in the present Board of Directors or management of the Issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number of or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the Board;
- (e) Any material change in the present capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer;
- (f) Any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure;
- (g) Changes in the Issuer's charter, by-laws, or instruments corresponding thereto or other actions that may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person;
- (h) Causing a class of the securities of the Issuer to be delisted from a national securities exchange or cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association;
- (i) A class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; or

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(j) Any action similar to any of those listed above.

### ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

(a) and (b) As a result of certain relationships, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed to directly and/or indirectly beneficially own up to 844,937 shares of Common Stock, representing in the aggregate approximately 18.3% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, based on (i) the number of shares of Common Stock reported to be outstanding as of December 12, 2005, in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-QSB for the period ended October 31, 2005, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 14, 2005, together with (ii) an aggregate of 760,000 shares of Common Stock issued by the Issuer on or about May 8, 2006 (including 240,000 shares of Common Stock which are the subject of this Schedule 13D), (iii) 50,000 shares underlying warrants and (iv) 5,000 shares underlying a stock option. The table below sets forth the number of shares of Common Stock that may be deemed to be directly and indirectly beneficially owned by each Reporting Person. Each Reporting Person expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities beneficially owned by any other Reporting Person.

Due to their relationship with one another, the Reporting Persons may be deemed to constitute a "group" under Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), with respect to their beneficial ownership of the shares of Common Stock, warrants and stock option. The Reporting Persons, however, expressly disclaim such status and declare that the filing of this Schedule 13D is not and should not be deemed an admission that any Reporting Person, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act or otherwise, is the beneficial owner of the shares of Common Stock or warrants held by any other Reporting Person.

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Reporting Persons	Number of Shares With Sole Voting and Dispositive Power		Number of Shares With Shared Voting and Dispositive Power		Aggregate Number of Beneficially Owned Shares
	Common Stock	Underlying Warrants or Options	Common Stock	Underlying Warrants or Options	
Tri-Lev	3,000	0	0	0	
MSRI	786,937	0	0	0	
MSRI Partners	0	0	786,937 (1)	0	
MSRA	0	50,000 (2)	786,937 (3)	0	
Levinson	0	5,000 (4)	789,937 (5)	50,000 (6)	

(1) MSRI Partners may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 786,937 shares of common stock held directly by MSRI.

(2) Common Stock underlying warrants held by MSRA. Warrants are exercisable

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- until December 31, 2012.
- (3) MRSA may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 786,937 shares of common stock held directly by MSRI.
  - (4) Common Stock underlying stock option held by Mr. Levinson. The option is exercisable until June 19, 2013.
  - (5) Mr. Levinson may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 786,937 shares of common stock held by directly MSRI and 3,000 shares of common stock held directly by Tri-Lev.
  - (6) Mr. Levinson may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own 50,000 shares of common stock underlying warrants held directly by MSRA. See Note (2).
- (c) Other than as reported in this Schedule 13D, none of the Reporting Persons has effected any transactions involving the Common Stock or the warrants in the 60 days prior to filing this Schedule 13D.
- (d) No other persons have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Securities.
- (e) Not applicable.

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### ITEM 6. CONTRACTS, ARRANGEMENTS, UNDERSTANDINGS OR RELATIONSHIPS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

There are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the persons named in Item 2 and between such persons and any person with respect to any securities of the issuer.

### ITEM 7. MATERIAL FILED AS EXHIBITS

1. Joint Filing Agreement, dated May 9, 2003.\*
2. Power of Attorney, dated May 9, 2003.\*\*

\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 to the Reporting Person's Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2003.

\*\* Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2 to the Reporting Person's Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 9, 2003.

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### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true and correct.

Dated May 18, 2006

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MSR I SBIC, L.P.  
By: MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC, its general partner  
By: MSR Advisors, Inc., its Manager

By: /s/ Daniel Levinson  
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Name: Daniel Levinson  
Title: President

Tri-Lev LLC

By: /s/ Daniel Levinson  
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Name: Daniel Levinson  
Title: Managing Member

MSR Advisors, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel Levinson  
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Name: Daniel Levinson  
Title: President

MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC

By: /s/ Daniel Levinson  
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Name: Daniel Levinson  
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Daniel Levinson  
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Daniel Levinson

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APPENDIX A

MSR I SBIC, L.P.

NAME/PLACE OF CITIZENSHIP	POSITION WITH MSR I SBIC, L.P.
MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC	General Partner

MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC: General Partner of MSR I SBIC, L.P.

Each of the listed individuals is a resident of the United States and has his business address at 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

NAME/PLACE OF CITIZENSHIP	POSITION WITH MSR I SBIC PARTNERS, LLC	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION/BUSINESS
Daniel A. Levinson	Managing Member	President of MSR Advisors, Inc.

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MSR Advisors, Inc.	Manager	Investment Counselor and Portfolio Manager
Marshall Kiev	Member	Secretary of MSR Advisors, Inc.
David Schneider	Member	Employee of MSR Advisors, Inc.
Mark Bates	Member	Employee of MSR Advisors, Inc.

MSR Advisors, Inc.: Investment Advisor to MSR I SBIC, L.P. and Manager of Tri-Lev LLC and MSR I SBIC Partners, LLC

Each of the listed persons is a resident of the United States and has his business address at 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880. Unless otherwise noted, each of the listed persons' position with MSR Advisors, Inc. is also his principal occupation.

NAME/PLACE OF CITIZENSHIP	POSITION WITH MSR ADVISORS, INC.
Daniel A. Levinson	Sole Shareholder/President
Michael Tamulis	Chief Financial Officer
Marshall Kiev	Secretary

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### TRI-LEV LLC

Each of the listed persons is a resident of the United States and has a business address at 8 Wright Street, Westport, Connecticut 06880.

NAME/PLACE OF CITIZENSHIP	POSITION WITH TRI -LEV LLC	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATION/BUSINESS	PRINCIPAL BUSINESS/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
Daniel A. Levinson	Managing Member	President of MSR Advisors, Inc.	
MSR Advisors, Inc.	Manager	Investment Counselor and Portfolio Manager	
Jonathan Levinson	Member	Private Investor	75 Dorchester Road, Scarsdale, New York 10583
Deborah Weber	Member	Homemaker	220 Mulbury Road, Orange, Connecticut 06477

