

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form NT 10-Q

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

**FORM 12b-25**

**NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING**

(Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  
 Form 10-D  Form N-SAR  Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: September 30, 2005

Transition Report on Form 10-K  
 Transition Report on Form 20-Fo  Transition Report on Form 11-Ko  Transition Report on Form 10-Qo  
Transition Report on Form N-SARFor the Transition Period Ended:

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*Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.*

**Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.**

If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

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**PART I REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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Full Name of Registrant

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Former Name if Applicable  
27175 HAGGERTY ROAD

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Address of Principal Executive Office (*Street and Number*)  
NOVI, MICHIGAN 48377

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City, State and Zip Code

**PART II RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

**PART III NARRATIVE**

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 of Tower Automotive, Inc. (the Company) could not be filed by November 9, 2005 because the Company could not complete the preparation of the required information without unreasonable effort and expense. In conjunction with the gathering of information for the Form 10-Q, management identified a material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting. As a result of this material weakness, material adjustments are necessary to present the condensed consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2005 in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This material weakness involved insufficient internal controls at one of the Company's North American manufacturing facilities. This material weakness is separate and unrelated to the material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting disclosed in Part II, Item 9A of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004 and in Part I, Item 4 of the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2005.

(Attach extra Sheets if Needed)

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**PART IV OTHER INFORMATION**

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

|                      |             |                    |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| CHRISTOPHER T. HATTO | 248         | 675-6000           |
| (Name)               | (Area Code) | (Telephone Number) |

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

No  Yes

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

No  Yes

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

The Company expects to report a significantly higher net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2005 in comparison to the recognition of a net loss of approximately \$20.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2004. The Company also expects to report a significantly higher net loss for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 in comparison to the recognition of a net loss of approximately \$10.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. The expected significant net losses for the 2005 periods relate primarily to restructuring charges, bankruptcy and related reorganization expenses and the recognition of income tax expense in the 2005 periods despite pre-tax losses.

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TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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| Date | November 10, 2005 | By | /s/ CHRISTOPHER T.<br>HATTO                         |
|      |                   |    | CHRISTOPHER T. HATTO<br>CHIEF ACCOUNTING<br>OFFICER |

**INSTRUCTION:** The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

**ATTENTION**

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).**

**General Instructions**

1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 (17 CFR 240.12b-25) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
3. A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.
5. *Electronic Filers.* This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit reports within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.201 or § 232.202 of this chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (§ 232.13(b) of this chapter).

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