

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 8-K

September 18, 2006

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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): September 14, 2006  
TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)  
DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)**

**1-12733** (Commission File Number) **41-1746238** (IRS Employer Identification No.)  
**27175 HAGGERTY ROAD, NOVI, MICHIGAN 48377**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)  
**(248) 675-6000**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)  
**NOT APPLICABLE**  
(Former Name or Former Address, if changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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On September 14, 2006, Tower Automotive, Inc. (the Company ) announced that production from its Upper Sandusky, Ohio plant will be consolidated into other Tower facilities in North America as part of its ongoing restructuring plan. This action is part of the Company s ongoing strategy to reduce excess manufacturing capacity and enhance operational efficiency. The moves will begin immediately and are expected to be completed early next year. Total estimated costs associated with this action amount to approximately \$9.2 million, which is comprised of employee related costs of \$1.1 million, asset impairment charges of \$4.3 million, other non-cash charges of \$1.5 million and other costs of \$2.3 million. Future cash expenditures for these actions are estimated at \$3.4 million. As part of this ongoing process, the Company may undertake additional actions in the future to rationalize and consolidate its operations.

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**SIGNATURES**

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.

**TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**  
**Registrant**

Date: September 18, 2006

/s/ Christopher T. Hatto  
Christopher T. Hatto  
Corporate Controller and Chief  
Accounting Officer