

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO

Form 8-K

September 17, 2004

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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 17, 2004

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**COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-04329

34-4297750

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, OH

45840

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including  
area code:

(419) 423-1321

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On September 16, 2004, Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (the Company) entered into a definitive stock purchase agreement with an entity to be formed by The Cypress Group and Goldman Sachs Capital Partners to sell its automotive business, Cooper-Standard Automotive, for approximately \$1.165 billion in cash, subject to certain post-closing adjustments. The transaction, which is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2004, is subject to purchaser's receipt of financing from committed sources by the purchaser and other customary conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals. The stock purchase agreement has been approved by the Company's Board of Directors. A copy of the press release issued by the Company is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press release, dated September 17, 2004

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

By: /s/ Philip G. Weaver

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Philip G. Weaver  
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 17, 2004

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