

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
September 28, 2005

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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 27, 2005

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13461

76-0506313

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100, Houston, Texas

77024

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

713-647-5700

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 27, 2005, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, announced that it is assisting affected employees and assessing damage at its two (2) Beaumont, Texas dealerships in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita. The company also reported that its Houston-area and New Orleans-area dealerships were not impacted by the storm.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of September 27, 2005.

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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.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

*September 27, 2005*

By: *Robert T. Ray*

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*Name: Robert T. Ray  
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer &  
Treasurer*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of September 27, 2005.