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TOWER AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 17, 2002

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): DECEMBER 17, 2002

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

5211 CASCADE ROAD SE - SUITE 300, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49546  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(616) 802-1600  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

NOT APPLICABLE  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events

On December 17, 2002, the Registrant issued a press release announcing it will not continue as the supplier for the next Ford Explorer frame. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

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(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release dated December 17, 2002 -  
Tower Automotive Announces It Will Not  
Continue As Supplier For Next Ford Explorer  
Frame

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.

Date: December 17, 2002

By: /s/ Ernest T. Thomas

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Name: Ernest T. Thomas  
Title: Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  
(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)