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TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K December 15, 2003

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): December 15, 2003

TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer of Incorpor of incorporation or organization)

1-12387

76-0515284 Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60045 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

On December 15, 2003, Tenneco Automotive Inc. announced that the company closed on its \$800 million senior credit facility and a private offering of \$125 million of Senior Secured Notes which was contained in a press release, a copy of which is filed under Item 7 as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press release dated December 15, 2003.

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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.

TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE INC.

Date: December 15, 2003 By: /s/ Kenneth R. Trammell

Kenneth R. Trammell Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer