

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 8-K

May 02, 2006

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**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): May 2, 2006**

**Group 1 Automotive, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

1-13461  
(Commission File Number)

76-0506313  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100  
Houston, Texas 77024  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(713) 647-5700  
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On May 2, 2006, Group 1 Automotive, Inc. issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter and three months ended March 31, 2006, and announcing revised 2006 full-year earnings guidance. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

As provided in General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 2.02 (including the press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 incorporated by reference in this Item 2.02) shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of May 2, 2006.

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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.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

May 2, 2006

By: /s/ John C. Rickel

Date

John C. Rickel, Senior Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

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