

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2010

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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):

March 15, 2010

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.)

800 Gessner, Suite 500, 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 March 15, 2010, Group 1 Automotive, Inc. issued a press release announcing a private offering of \$100 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2020 to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, plus up to an additional \$15 million principal amount to cover over-allotments, if any. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Group 1 Automotive, Inc. press release dated March 15, 2010.

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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.

*March 15, 2010*

By: */s/John C. Rickel*

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*Name: John C. Rickel*

*Title: Senior Vice President*

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<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Group 1 Automotive, Inc. press release dated March 15, 2010.