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TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
May 13, 2005

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): May 12, 2005

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

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| Delaware | 1-12387 | 76-0515284 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer of Incorporation Identification No.) |

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| 500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS | 60045 |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |

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

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:

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On May 12, 2005, Tenneco Automotive Inc. announced that it intends to move its muffler and exhaust system operations supplying Harley Davidson from the Company's facility in Salinas, California to its Seward and Lincoln, Nebraska facilities. The company also announced that it intends to consolidate engineering for Harley Davidson at its North American emission control engineering center in Grass Lake, Michigan. The proposed move would take place over the next 15 months and impact roughly 190 employees currently employed at the Salinas plant. The proposed move is designed to improve efficiency and reduce costs by moving operations closer to the customer and filling existing manufacturing capacity. A copy of the press release announcing the proposed move is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit No. ----- | Description ----- |
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| 99.1 | Tenneco Automotive's press release dated May 12, 2005. |

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: May 12, 2005

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Trammell

Kenneth R. Trammell
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer