

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2005

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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):

January 12, 2005

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-04329

344297750

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

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

701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio

45840

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

419-423-1321

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The Company disclosed on January 12, 2005, that it may use between \$100 million and \$200 million of the proceeds from the sale of Cooper-Standard Automotive for debt reduction. As previously announced, the Company will use \$60 million of the proceeds to fund pension obligations. The remainder of the proceeds will be used for investment in the Company's tire operations, including but not limited to the investment in Kumho Tire Co., Inc., and the repurchase of shares or a combination thereof. The amount of those uses has not yet been determined.

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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.

*January 12, 2005*

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company

By: */s/ James E. Kline*

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*Name: James E. Kline*

*Title: Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*