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TENNECO AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2003

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): OCTOBER 21, 2003

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

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| DELAWARE  | 1-12387                  | 76-0515284                           |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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

ITEM 5. OTHER EVENTS AND REQUIRED FD DISCLOSURE.

On October 21, 2003, Tenneco Automotive announced its results of operations for the third quarter ended September 30, 2003. Attachment 1 to the press release announcing the company's third quarter 2003 results (furnished as an exhibit to this Form 8-K report) presents the company's consolidated statement of income, balance sheet and statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2003, and such attachment is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| 99.1              | Press Release, dated October 21, 2003, announcing Tenneco |

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Automotive's third quarter 2003 results of operations.

### ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

The following information, including the exhibit described below, shall not be deemed "filed" hereunder for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

On October 21, 2003, Tenneco Automotive announced its results of operations for the third quarter of 2003. A copy of the press release announcing the company's third quarter 2003 results is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K report and is incorporated herein by reference.

### 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: October 21, 2003

By: /s/ KENNETH R. TRAMMELL

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Kenneth R. Trammell  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

### EXHIBIT INDEX

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