

LITHIA MOTORS INC  
Form NT 11-K  
June 28, 2001

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25  
NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One):  Form 10-K  Form 20-F  Form 11-K  Form 10-Q  Form N-SAR

For Period Ended: December 30, 2000

Transition Report on Form 10-K

Transition Report on Form 20-F

Transition Report on Form 11-K

Transition Report on Form 10-Q

Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

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**PART I - REGISTRANT INFORMATION**

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.

Full Name of Registrant

Former Name if Applicable

360 E. Jackson Street

Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number)

Medford, Oregon 97501

City, State, and Zip Code

**PART II-RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)**

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25b, the following should be completed: (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expenses;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, 11-K, Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth (15th) calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth (5th) calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.
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**PART III - NARRATIVE**

Registrant is unable to timely file its annual report on Form 11-K for its 401(k) plan, the Lithia Motors, Inc. Salary Reduction Profit Sharing Plan, for the period ending December 30, 2000, because the financial statements for the plan have not been completed. Registrant's accountants have been unable to complete the financial statements for the plan in a timely manner because the plan administrator has failed to provide the accountants with the information necessary to properly prepare and complete the financial statements. See the accountant's statement attached.

