GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K July 31, 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): July 31, 2003

Group 1 Automotive, Inc. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-13461 76-0506313 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

> 950 Echo Lane, Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77024 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

> (713) 647-5700 (Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On July 31, 2003, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), announced that it intends to commence a private offering of senior subordinated notes. The text of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of July 31, 2003.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

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July 31, 2003 By: /s/Scott L. Thompson \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Scott L. Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Description Exhibit No. ----- INO. \_\_\_\_\_ 99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc. dated as of July 31, 2003.