GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K September 28, 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):

September 27, 2005

# Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

1-13461

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100, Houston, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

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:

[] Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

76-0506313

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

77024

(Zip Code)

713-647-5700

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#### <u>Top of the Form</u> Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 27, 2005, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, announced that it is assisting affected employees and assessing damage at its two (2) Beaumont, Texas dealerships in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita. The company also reported that its Houston-area and New Orleans-area dealerships were not impacted by the storm.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of September 27, 2005.

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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.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

September 27, 2005

By: Robert T. Ray

Name: Robert T. Ray Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of September 27, 2005.