GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 8-K September 01, 2006

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):

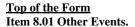
August 31, 2006

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	1-13461	/6-0506313
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
950 Echo Lane, Suite 100, Houston, Texas		77024
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		713-647-5700
	Not Applicable	
Former na	me or former address, if changed since la	ast report
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On August 31, 2006, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, announced the completion of the acquisition of Pat Peck Honda, Pat Peck Nissan and Pat Peck Kia in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Pat Peck Nissan in Mobile, Alabama. The Company also announced it was increasing its full-year acquisition target from \$500 million to \$750 million in annual revenues during 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of August 31, 2006.

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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.

August 31, 2006 By: John C. Rickel

Name: John C. Rickel

Title: Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., dated as of August 31, 2006.