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Form 8-K  
May 17, 2002

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): MAY 16, 2002

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

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

1-12387  
(Commission  
File Number)

76-0515284  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

500 NORTH FIELD DRIVE, LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

60045  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (847) 482-5000

ITEM 4. CHANGES IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANTS.

Upon the recommendation of its Audit Committee, the Board of Directors of Tenneco Automotive Inc. (the "Company") has approved the engagement of Deloitte & Touche LLP ("Deloitte & Touche") as the Company's independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2002, effective as of May 16, 2002. Deloitte & Touche replaces the firm of Arthur Andersen LLP ("Andersen"), which was dismissed as independent auditors of the Company effective May 16, 2002.

Andersen's reports on the Company's financial statements for the past two fiscal years did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles.

During the Company's last two fiscal years (ended December 31, 2000 and December 31, 2001, respectively), and during the interim period since the end of the last fiscal year, there were no disagreements with Andersen on any matters of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope and procedures which, if not resolved to the satisfaction of

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Andersen, would have caused Andersen to make reference to the matter in their report. The Company has requested Andersen to furnish it a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether it agrees with the above statements. A copy of that letter, dated May 17, 2002 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

### ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| *16.1             | Letter of Arthur Andersen LLP regarding change in certifying accountants. |

\*Filed Herewith

### 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: May 17, 2002

By: /s/ Mark A. McCollum

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Mark A. McCollum  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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