## 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):
February 24, 2005
Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

| Delaware |  |
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| (State or ot | tion of incorporation) |
| 5511 | 01-0609375 |
| on File Number) | (IRS Employer Identific |


| 622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY | 10017 |
| :---: | :---: |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

(212) 885-2500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
None
(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))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions.
The registrant issued a press release on February 24, 2005 announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2004, which press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.
The registrant hereby furnishes the press release identified under Item 2.02 and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No.
99.1

Description
Press Release dated February 24, 2005.

## SIGNATURE

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.

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Kenneth B. Gilman
Name: Kenneth B. Gilman
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

## Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 24, 2005.

## Asbury Automotive Group Reports <br> Fourth Quarter and 2004 Financial Results

-- Fourth Quarter Same-Store Retail Revenue Grew 13\%; Same-Store Retail Gross Profit Increased 15\% --

-- Full Year 2004 Total Revenue Increased 16\% and Gross Profit Rose 14\% --

New York, NY, Feb. 24, 2005 - Asbury Automotive Group, Inc. (NYSE: ABG), one of the largest automotive retail and service companies in the U.S., today reported financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2004.

Net income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter was $\$ 13.8$ million, or $\$ 0.42$ per diluted share. For the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company reported a net loss from continuing operations of $\$ 19.7$ million, or $\$ 0.60$ per diluted share, which includes certain items disclosed in the attached financial tables. Excluding those items, net income from continuing operations for the fourth quarter of 2004 was up 25 percent when compared to $\$ 11.0$ million, or $\$ 0.34$ per diluted share, in the prior year period.

The Company noted that it achieved double-digit same-store gross profit increases for the quarter in all four components of its business model - new vehicles; used vehicles; parts and service; and finance and insurance. The Company cited a favorable retail market environment in all its geographic regions plus a recovery in its Florida markets, following the previous quarter's hurricanes, as positively impacting the quarter.

Financial highlights for the fourth quarter of 2004, as compared to the corresponding prior year period, included:
o Total revenue for the quarter was approximately $\$ 1.4$ billion, up 23 percent. Total gross profit was $\$ 214.0$ million, a 23 percent increase. Excluding results at the Company's two Florida platforms, total revenue and gross profit were both up 23 percent.
o Same-store retail revenue (excluding fleet and wholesale business) increased 13 percent, while same-store retail gross profit rose 15 percent. Excluding results in Florida, same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 9 percent and 11 percent, respectively.
o New vehicle retail revenue rose 22 percent (12 percent same-store), and unit sales increased 19 percent ( 8 percent same-store). New vehicle retail gross profit increased 23 percent ( 12 percent same-store). Excluding results in Florida, new vehicle same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 6 percent and 3 percent, respectively.
o Used vehicle retail revenue increased 25 percent ( 19 percent same-store), and unit sales rose 19 percent ( 13 percent same-store). Used vehicle retail gross profit increased 26 percent (20 percent same-store). Excluding results in Florida, used vehicle same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 19 percent and 27 percent, respectively.
o Parts and service revenue and gross profit both increased 20 percent (12 percent and 13 percent same-store, respectively). Excluding results in Florida, parts and service same-store revenue and gross profit were both up 10 percent.
o Net finance and insurance (F\&I) revenue rose 29 percent (20 percent same-store). F\&I per vehicle retailed (PVR) increased 8 percent to $\$ 902$, and platform F\&I PVR rose 10 percent to $\$ 875$. Excluding results in Florida, net F\&I same-store revenue increased 17 percent, while F\&I PVR increased 10 percent and platform F\&I PVR rose 13 percent.
o As a percentage of gross profit, selling, general and administrative (SG\&A) expenses for the quarter were 80.0 percent, matching the year-earlier level:

On a same-store basis, the ratio declined approximately 120 basis points, as expense ratios improved at most platforms, particularly in Florida.

- Excluding a 2004 sale-leaseback transaction that impacted the quarter (resulting in increased rent expense while reducing interest and depreciation expense), as a percent of gross profit, SG\&A was down 100 basis points from the prior year period.

For the full year, Asbury's net income from continuing operations was \$52.7 million, or $\$ 1.61$ per diluted share, compared with $\$ 18.5$ million, or $\$ 0.57$ per diluted share, in 2003. Excluding the items highlighted in the attached financial tables, net income from continuing operations in 2003 was $\$ 49.2$ million, or $\$ 1.50$ per diluted share. Total revenue for 2004 was approximately $\$ 5.3$ billion, up 16 percent compared to the prior year. Total gross profit was $\$ 813.7$ million, a 14 percent increase from the prior year. Same-store retail revenue for the year increased 5 percent, while same-store retail gross profit increased 4 percent.

President and CEO, Kenneth B. Gilman, said, "Our business model turned in a strong, balanced performance in the fourth quarter, and for 2004 as a whole. While the services side of the business generated solid results all year, we were able to capitalize late in the year on the improved industry environment in terms of new and used vehicle sales. We also benefited in the fourth quarter
from a bounce in our Florida markets. Of particular note, however, was the
strength of our non-Florida operations and the positive impact they had on the quarter. Our continued focus on the basics of automotive retailing, along with a disciplined approach to expenses, allowed us to retain a substantial portion of our improved gross profit. In addition, several manufacturer-sponsored dealer incentive programs enhanced our profitability during the quarter."
J. Gordon Smith, Senior Vice President and CFO, said, "Our flat overall SG\&A expense ratio for the fourth quarter includes the impact of start-up costs associated with new and acquired dealerships, as well as incremental expense associated with a large sale-leaseback transaction earlier in the year. Excluding the impact of our start-up operations and the sale-leaseback, our SG\&A expense ratio was down 205 basis points in the fourth quarter. We expect to achieve additional savings in 2005, particularly as we implement the recently announced changes in our dealership management structure."

Last month, as previously announced, Asbury reorganized its nine platforms into principally four regions: Florida; West (California, Texas \& Oregon); Mid-Atlantic (North Carolina, South Carolina \& Virginia); and South (Georgia \& Arkansas); with Mississippi and Missouri remaining as stand-alone platforms.

Mr. Smith continued, "While the underlying goal of this new structure is to improve productivity and management effectiveness, the financial benefit from the change will be tangible. We expect to incur a charge in the first quarter of 2005 of approximately $\$ 4$ million for severance and other one-time costs, including the settlement of several multi-year contracts. Prospectively, we expect to realize annual savings of $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ million, reducing our SG\&A expense ratio, as a percent of gross profit, by approximately 50 to 60 basis points. Specifically, we expect to realize approximately $\$ 3$ million of these savings this year and the full effect in 2006. We anticipate that adopting this new structure will reduce earnings by approximately $\$ 0.02$ to $\$ 0.04$ per share this year and increase earnings by approximately $\$ 0.10$ per share next year."

During 2004, Asbury acquired seven dealerships with projected annual revenues of approximately $\$ 350$ million. The acquired dealerships include Mercedes-Benz, Honda, Nissan (2), Dodge and Hyundai (2) franchises, and five of the seven are in California. The Company's current objective in 2005 will again be to add between $\$ 300$ million and $\$ 500$ million in annualized revenues through acquisitions.

Mr. Gilman concluded, "Looking ahead, we remain well positioned to generate organic growth with our high-quality brand mix, strategic focus on higher-margin service businesses, and disciplined approach to expense management. In addition, we remain committed to our acquisitions approach - targeting specific brands in key geographical markets. Our continued focus on the fundamentals of the business, along with further efforts to seek additional operating efficiencies, should translate into added value for our shareholders."

Commenting on guidance for 2005, the Company noted that it remains comfortable with estimates for earnings per share from continuing operations between $\$ 1.70$ and $\$ 1.78$. This range does not reflect the potential net cost resulting from the regional reorganization. Additionally, not included in the above guidance is the anticipated third quarter adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard 123(R). Based on existing stock options outstanding, the Company currently estimates that its stock option compensation expense will reduce 2005 earnings per share by approximately $\$ 0.08$.

Asbury will host a conference call to discuss its fourth quarter results this morning at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The call will be simulcast live on the Internet and can be accessed by logging onto http://www.asburyauto.com or http://www.ccbn.com. In addition, a live audio of the call will be accessible to the public by calling 800-289-0507; international callers, please dial 913-981-5540. No access code is required. A conference call replay will be available approximately two hours following the call for 14 days and can be accessed by calling 888-203-1112 (domestic), or 719-457-0820 (international); access code 9299141.

## About Asbury Automotive Group

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc., headquartered in New York City, is one of the largest automobile retailers in the U.S., with 2004 revenue of approximately $\$ 5.3$ billion. Built through a combination of organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, the Company currently operates 96 retail auto stores, encompassing 132 franchises for the sale and servicing of 33 different brands of American, European and Asian automobiles. Asbury believes that its product mix contains a higher proportion of the more desirable luxury and mid-line import brands than most public automotive retailers. The Company offers customers an extensive range of automotive products and services, including new and used vehicle sales and related financing and insurance, vehicle maintenance and repair services, replacement parts and service contracts.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The forward-looking statements include statements relating to goals, plans, projections and guidance regarding the Company's financial position, results of operations, market position, product development, pending and potential future acquisitions and business strategy. These statements are based on management's current expectations and involve significant risks and uncertainties that may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, market factors, the Company's relationships with vehicle manufacturers and other suppliers which could cause, among other things, acquisitions under contract or letters of intent to fail, risks associated with the Company's substantial indebtedness, risks related to pending and potential future acquisitions, risks related to competition in the automotive retail and service industries, general economic conditions both nationally and locally and governmental regulations and legislation. There can


Revenues:

| New vehicle <br> Used vehicle <br> Parts, service and collision repair <br> Finance and insurance, net |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

Total revenues

| \$ |
| ---: |
| 358,210 |
| 324,957 |
| 159,253 |
| 37,766 |
| ---- |
|  |

COST OF SALES
New vehicle
Used vehicle
Parts, service and collision repair
Total cost of sales
GROSS PROFIT
OPERATING EXPENSES:
Selling, general and administrative
Depreciation and amortization
Impairment of goodwill
Income (loss) from operations
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):
Floor plan interest expense
Other interest expense
Interest income
Other income (expense)
Total other expense, net
Income (loss) from continuing operations
before income taxes
22,133
INCOME TAX EXPENSE
8,300
Income (loss) from continuing operations
13,833
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax
Net income (loss)

BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:
Continuing operations
Discontinued operations
Net income (loss)

DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE
Continuing operations
Discontinued operations
Net income (loss)

| $\$$ | 0.42 |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | $(0.03)$ |
| $\$$ | 0.39 |
| $==========$ |  |

32,561
===========
32,672
===========

| $\$$ | $(0.60)$ |
| :--- | ---: |
|  | $(0.02)$ |
| $\$$ | $(0.62)$ |


| $\$$ | 1.61 |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | $(0.08)$ |
| $\$$ | 1.53 |


| \$ | 0.57 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (0.11) |
| \$ | 0.46 |

For the Year Ended
December 31,
--2004

| $\$$ | 696,980 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 259,211 |  |
| 133,217 |  |
| 29,387 |  |
| $-\cdots$ |  |

$\$ 3,261,709$
$1,286,361$
605,315
147,750
$\$ 2,786,744$
$1,142,824$
517,904
125,041
$\ldots-\ldots$
$4,572,513$

2,577,577
1, 040, 563 242, 322

3, 860, 462


557,478
19,686 37,930

| 143, 167 | 96,957 |
| :---: | :---: |


|  | $(21,248)$ |  | $(16,624)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $(39,256)$ |  | $(40,228)$ |
|  | 822 |  | 480 |
|  | 623 |  | $(1,626)$ |
|  | $(59,059)$ |  | $(57,998)$ |
|  | 84,108 |  | 38,959 |
|  | 31,364 |  | 20,468 |
|  | 52,744 |  | 18,491 |
|  | $(2,671)$ |  | $(3,304)$ |
| \$ | 50,073 | \$ | 15,187 |


| $\$$ | 1.62 | $\$$ | 0.57 |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | ---: |
|  | $(0.08)$ |  | $(0.10)$ |
| \$ | 1.54 | \$ | 0.47 |
| ========== | ========== |  |  |

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32,502
===========
32,674
=================
32,715

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
Consolidated Statements of Income
(In thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

|  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  | For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Florida Operations |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  | Non-Florida Operations |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  |
| REVENUES : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle | \$ | 594,316 | \$ | 263, 894 | \$ | 858,210 | \$ | 485, 330 | \$ | 211, 650 | \$ | 696,980 |
| Used vehicle |  | 213, 328 |  | 111, 629 |  | 324, 957 |  | 169,595 |  | 89,616 |  | 259, 211 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 118,191 |  | 41, 062 |  | 159,253 |  | 98,506 |  | 34,711 |  | 133, 217 |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 24,364 |  | 13,402 |  | 37,766 |  | 18,652 |  | 10,735 |  | 29,387 |
| Total revenues |  | 950,199 |  | 429, 987 |  | 1,380, 186 |  | 772,083 |  | 346,712 |  | 1,118,795 |
| COST OF SALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle |  | 550, 730 |  | 242,741 |  | 793,471 |  | 448, 496 |  | 195,712 |  | 644, 208 |
| Used vehicle |  | 196,659 |  | 100,536 |  | 297,195 |  | 157, 867 |  | 79,746 |  | 237,613 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 57,725 |  | 17,760 |  | 75,485 |  | 47,993 |  | 15,458 |  | 63,451 |
| Total cost of sales |  | 805,114 |  | 361, 037 |  | 1,166,151 |  | 654, 356 |  | 290,916 |  | 945, 272 |
| GROSS PROFIT |  | 145, 085 |  | 68,950 |  | 214, 035 |  | 117,727 |  | 55,796 |  | 173,523 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative |  | 121,718 |  | 49,553 |  | 171, 271 |  | 97,557 |  | 41,147 |  | 138,704 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 4, 029 |  | 1,015 |  | 5,044 |  | 3,780 |  | 1,338 |  | 5,118 |
| Impairment of goodwill |  | - - |  | -- |  | - - |  | 37,930 |  | -- |  | 37,930 |
| Income (loss) from operations |  | 19,338 |  | 18,382 |  | 37,720 |  | $(21,540)$ |  | 13,311 |  | $(8,229)$ |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floor plan interest expense |  | $(4,580)$ |  | $(1,644)$ |  | $(6,224)$ |  | $(3,017)$ |  | (1, 012 ) |  | $(4,029)$ |
| Other interest expense |  | $(9,878)$ |  | (192) |  | $(10,070)$ |  | $(9,511)$ |  | (688) |  | $(10,199)$ |
| Interest income. |  | 180 |  | 32 |  | 212 |  | 61 |  | (16) |  | 45 |
| Other income (expense) |  | 459 |  | 36 |  | 495 |  | $(2,509)$ |  | 1,313 |  | $(1,196)$ |
| Total other expense, net |  | $(13,819)$ |  | $(1,768)$ |  | $(15,587)$ |  | $(14,976)$ |  | (403) |  | $(15,379)$ |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes |  | 5,519 |  | 16,614 |  | 22,133 |  | $(36,516)$ |  | 12,908 |  | $(23,608)$ |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE |  | 1,799 |  | 6,501 |  | 8,300 |  | $(7,719)$ |  | 3,794 |  | $(3,925)$ |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations |  | 3,720 |  | 10,113 |  | 13,833 |  | $(28,797)$ |  | 9,114 |  | $(19,683)$ |
| DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax |  | $(1,141)$ |  | 153 |  | (988) |  | $(1,074)$ |  | 330 |  | (744) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 2,579 | \$ | 10,266 | \$ | 12,845 | \$ | $(29,871)$ | \$ | 9,444 | \$ | $(20,427)$ |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.11 | \$ | 0.31 | \$ | 0.42 | \$ | (0.89) | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | (0.61) |
| Discontinued operations |  | (0.03) |  | -- |  | (0.03) |  | (0.03) |  | 0.01 |  | (0.02) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.31 | \$ | 0.39 | \$ | (0.92) | \$ | 0.29 | \$ | (0.63) |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations .... | \$ | 0.11 | \$ | 0.31 | \$ | $0.42$ | \$ | $(0.88)$ | \$ | 0.28 | \$ | $(0.60)$ |
| Discontinued operations . |  | (0.03) |  | -- |  | (0.03) |  | $(0.03)$ |  | 0.01 |  | $(0.02)$ |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 0.08 | \$ | 0.31 | \$ | 0.39 | \$ | (0.91) | \$ | 0.29 | \$ | (0.62) |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 32,561 |  | 32,561 |  | 32,561 |  | 32,431 |  | 32,431 |  | 32,431 |
| Diluted |  | 32,672 |  | 32,672 |  | 32,672 |  | 32,686 |  | 32,686 |  | 32,686 |

The results of the Company's Florida operations do not include an allocation of corporate overhead or interest expense related to the Company's senior indebtedness. All such amounts are included in the results of the Company's non-Florida operations.


Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
Selected Data
(Dollars in thousands except per share data) (Unaudited)


|  | As Reported For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Florida Operations |  |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 17,955 | 65.9\% |  | 8,906 | 60.8\% |  | 26,861 | 64.2\% |
| Used units |  | 9,272 | 34.1\% |  | 5,730 | 39.2\% |  | 15,002 | 35.8\% |
| Total units |  | 27,227 | 100.0\% |  | 14,636 | 100.0\% |  | 41,863 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 578, 039 | 60.8\% | \$ | 256,901 | 59.7\% | \$ | 834,940 | 60.5\% |
| Used retail |  | 158, 458 | 16.7\% |  | 83,643 | 19.5\% |  | 242,101 | 17.6\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 118,191 | 12.4\% |  | 41, 062 | 9.6\% |  | 159,253 | 11.5\% |
| Finance and insurance, net ..... |  | 24,364 | $2.6 \%$ |  | 13,402 | 3.1\% |  | 37,766 | 2.7\% |
| Total retail revenue |  | 879, 052 |  |  | 395, 008 |  |  | 247,060 |  |
| Fleet |  | 16,277 | 1.7\% |  | 6,993 | 1.6\% |  | 23,270 | 1.7\% |
| Wholesale |  | 54,870 | 5.8\% |  | 27,986 | 6.5\% |  | 82,856 | 6.0\% |
| Total revenue | \$ | 950, 199 | 100.0\% | \$ | 429, 987 | 100.0\% |  | 380, 186 | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 39, 052 | 26.9\% | \$ | 18,317 | 26.6\% | \$ | 57,369 | 26.8\% |
| Used retail |  | 17,358 | 12.0\% |  | 11,026 | 16.0\% |  | 28,384 | 13.3\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 60,466 | 41.7\% |  | 23,302 | 33.8\% |  | 83,768 | 39.2\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 24,364 | 16.8\% |  | 13,402 | 19.4\% |  | 37,766 | 17.6\% |
| Floor plan interest credits |  | 4,407 | $3.0 \%$ |  | 2,310 | 3.3\% |  | 6,717 | $3.1 \%$ |
| Total retail gross profit |  | 145,647 |  |  | 68,357 |  |  | 214, 004 |  |
| Fleet |  | 127 | $0.1 \%$ |  | 526 | 0.8\% |  | 653 | $0.3 \%$ |
| Wholesale |  | (689) | (0.5)\% |  | 67 | $0.1 \%$ |  | (622) | (0.3)\% |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 145, 085 | 100.0\% | \$ | 68,950 | 100.0\% | \$ | 214, 035 | 100.0\% |
| Sales, general and administrative expense | \$ | 121,718 |  | \$ | 49,553 |  | \$ | 171,271 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit. |  | 83.9\% |  |  | 71.9\% |  |  | 80.0\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) | \$ | 2,420 |  | \$ | 2,316 |  | \$ | 2,386 |  |
| Used retail |  | 1,872 |  |  | 1,924 |  |  | 1,892 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 895 |  |  | 916 |  |  | 902 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net |  | 853 |  |  | 916 |  |  | 875 |  |

* The results of the Company's Florida operations do not include an allocation of corporate overhead or interest expense related to the Company's senior indebtedness. All such amounts are included in the results of the Company's non-Florida operations.

|  | As Reported For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Florida Operations |  |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 15,240 | 67.3\% |  | 7,350 | 58.5\% |  | 22,590 | 64.2 \% |
| Used units |  | 7,416 | 32.7\% |  | 5,204 | 41.5\% |  | 12,620 | 35.8\% |
| Total units |  | 22,656 | 100.0\% |  | 12,554 | 100.0\% |  | 35, 210 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 480, 447 | 62.2\% | \$ | 206,429 | 59.5\% | \$ | 686,876 | 61.4\% |
| Used retail |  | 122,804 | 15.9\% |  | 70,340 | 20.3\% |  | 193,144 | 17.3\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 98, 506 | 12.8\% |  | 34,711 | 10.0\% |  | 133, 217 | 11.9\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 18,652 | $2.4 \%$ |  | 10,735 | 3.1\% |  | 29,387 | 2.6\% |
| Total retail revenue |  | 720,409 |  |  | 322, 215 |  |  | -42,624 |  |
| Fleet |  | 4,883 | 0.6\% |  | 5,221 | 1.5\% |  | 10,104 | 0.9\% |
| Wholesale |  | 46,791 | 6.1\% |  | 19,276 | 5.6\% |  | 66,067 | 5.9\% |
| Total revenue | \$ | 772, 083 | 100.0\% | \$ | 346,712 | 100.0\% |  | 118,795 | 100. $0 \%$ |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 32,997 | 28.0\% | \$ | 13,820 | 24.8\% | \$ | 46,817 | 27.0\% |
| Used retail |  | 12,545 | 10.7\% |  | 10,040 | 18.0\% |  | 22,585 | 13.0\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 50,513 | 42.9\% |  | 19,253 | 34.5\% |  | 69,766 | 40.2\% |
| Finance and insurance, net . |  | 18,652 | 15.8\% |  | 10,735 | 19.2\% |  | 29,387 | 17.0\% |
| Floor plan interest credits |  | 3,756 | 3. $2 \%$ |  | 1,829 | 3.3\% |  | 5,585 | 3. $2 \%$ |
| Total retail gross profit |  | 118,463 |  |  | 55,677 |  |  | 174,140 |  |
| Fleet |  | 81 | $0.1 \%$ |  | 289 | 0.5\% |  | 370 | 0.2\% |
| Wholesale |  | (817) | (0.7)\% |  | (170) | (0.3)\% |  | (987) | (0.6)\% |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 117,727 | 100.0\% | \$ | 55,796 | 100.0\% | \$ | 173,523 | 100. $0 \%$ |
| Sales, general and administrative expense | \$ | 97,557 |  | \$ | 41,147 |  | \$ | 138,704 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit .. |  | 82.9\% |  |  | 73.7\% |  |  | 79.9\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) | \$ | 2,412 |  | \$ | 2,129 |  | \$ | 2,320 |  |
| Used retail |  | 1,692 |  |  | 1,929 |  |  | 1,790 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 823 |  |  | 855 |  |  | 835 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net |  | 762 |  |  | 855 |  |  | 795 |  |

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Florida Operations |  |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 15,240 | 67.3\% |  | 7,350 | 58.5\% |  | 22,590 | 64.2\% |
| Used units |  | 7,416 | 32.7\% |  | 5,204 | 41.5\% |  | 12,620 | 35.8\% |
| Total units |  | 22,656 | 100.0\% |  | 12,554 | 100.0\% |  | 35,210 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 480,447 | 62.2\% | \$ | 206,429 | 59.5\% | \$ | 686,876 | 61.4\% |
| Used retail |  | 122, 804 | 15.9\% |  | 70,340 | 20.3\% |  | 193,144 | 17.3\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 98,506 | 12.8\% |  | 34,711 | 10.0\% |  | 133,217 | 11.9\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 18,652 | 2.4\% |  | 10,735 | 3.1\% |  | 29,387 | 2.6\% |
| Total retail revenue |  | 720,409 |  |  | 322,215 |  |  | 042,624 |  |
| Fleet |  | 4,883 | 0.6\% |  | 5,221 | 1.5\% |  | 10,104 | 0.9\% |
| Wholesale |  | 46,791 | 6.1\% |  | 19,276 | 5.6\% |  | 66,067 | 5.9\% |
| Total revenue | \$ | 772,083 | 100.0\% | \$ | 346,712 | 100.0\% |  | 118,795 | 100.0\% |
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BALANCE SHEET HIGHLIGHTS:
Cash and cash equivalents
Inventories
Total current assets
Floor plan notes payable
Total current liabilities

As of
December 31, 2004

$$
\begin{array}{r}
28,093 \\
761,557 \\
1,143,506 \\
650,948
\end{array}
$$

847,510

## CAPITALIZATION:

Long-term debt (including current portion)
Stockholders' equity
Total

| $\$ 529,152$ | $\$$592,378 <br> 480,023 |
| ---: | ---: |
| ------ | $---\cdots 3,707$ |
| $\$ 1,009,175$ | $\$ 1,026,085$ |

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC.
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION
(In thousands, except vehicle data)
(Unaudited)

The Company evaluates finance and insurance gross profit performance on a per-vehicle retailed basis by dividing total finance and insurance gross profit by the number of retail vehicles sold. During 2003, the Company renegotiated a contract with a third party finance and insurance product provider, which resulted in the recognition of income that was not attributable to retail vehicles sold during the year. The Company believes that platform finance and insurance, which excludes the additional revenue derived from contracts negotiated by the corporate office, provides a more accurate measure of the Company's finance and insurance operating performance. The following table reconciles finance and insurance gross profit to platform finance and insurance gross profit, and provides necessary components to calculate platform finance and insurance gross profit per vehicle retailed.


As Reported For the Year Ended December 31,

| 2004 | 2003 |
| :---: | :---: |


| $\$ 147,750$ | $\$ 125,041$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| $(5,695)$ | $(2,693)$ |
| ---------- | - |
| $\$ 142,055$ | $\$ 122,348$ |


| 106,298 | 94,527 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 61,311 | 57,090 |
| ---------- | --- |
| 167,609 | 151,617 |

-167,609
151, 617
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\$ 131,235 \$ 122,348 \$ 122,348

56, 789
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152,591
=========

Same Store For the Year Ended December 31, 2004 -------------------

RECONCILIATION OF FINANCE AND INSURANCE GROSS PROFIT TO PLATFORM FINANCE AND INSURANCE:
Finance and insurance, net ...........................
Less: corporate finance and insurance
Platform finance and insurance, net ........

RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD:
New retail units
Used retail units

Total units $\qquad$
$\qquad$

The Company's operating income was largely impacted by incremental rent expense associated with a sale-leaseback transaction that was entered into in the third quarter of 2004. The Company believes that excluding the incremental rent expense from the selling, general and administrative expenses for the fourth quarter of 2004 provides a more meaningful basis to measure the results of the Company's operations compared to that of the prior year period. A reconciliation of the Company's adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses is presented below.

Selling, general and administrative expenses
Less: Incremental rent expense associated with saleleaseback transaction

Adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses

Selling, general and administrative expenses
Less: Incremental rent expense associated with saleleaseback transaction

Adjusted selling, general and administrative expenses

As Reported for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004
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\$171, 271
$(2,290)$
\$168,981
=======

Same Store Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004

As Reported for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003 --------------
\$138, 704
-------
\$138, 704
========

Variance
-------
\$32,567
$(2,290)$
\$30, 277
=======

Same Store Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, 2003

Variance
------------------------
\$138, 704
\$18,476
$(2,290)$
$(2,290)$
-----
$\$ 154,890$
\$154,890 \$138,704
\$16,186
$======$

The Company defines net income from continuing operations as net income less discontinued operations. We believe that excluding certain items from net income from continuing operations for the three months ended December 31, 2003, provides a more meaningful basis to measure the results of our operations. A reconciliation of our net income to adjusted net income from continuing operations is presented below.

|  | GAAP Results for the Three Months Ended December 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 | 2003 |
| RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) TO ADJUSTED NET INCOME |  |  |
| FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS: |  |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 12, 845 | \$(20, 427) |
| Discontinued operations | 988 | 744 |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | 13,833 | $(19,683)$ |
| Tax affected impairment of goodwill (a) | -- | 29,180 |
| Tax affected charge for Bob Baker (b) | -- | 1,552 |
| Adjusted net income from continuing operations | \$ 13,833 $=====$ | \$ 11, $0=====$ |
| RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME (LOSS) PER COMMON SHARE (DILUTED) |  |  |
| TO ADJUSTED NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS PER |  |  |
| COMMON SHARE (DILUTED): |  |  |
| Net income (loss) ..... | \$ 0.39 | \$ (0.62) |
| Discontinued operations | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Net income (loss) from continuing operations | 0.42 | (0.60) |
| Tax affected impairment of goodwill (a) | -- | 0.89 |
| Tax affected charge for Bob Baker (b) | -- | 0.05 |
| Adjusted net income from continuing operations | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.34 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding (diluted): | 32,672 | 32,686 |

GAAP Results for the Year
Ended December 31,
(a) In connection with our annual impairment test of goodwill conducted in the fourth quarter of 2003, we recorded a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of $\$ 37,930$ ( $\$ 29,180$ after tax) associated with our Oregon platform.
(b) In connection with the proposed acquisition of the Bob Baker Auto Group, we incurred $\$ 2,503$ of costs ( $\$ 1,552$ after tax), including certain costs capitalized in prior periods. In the fourth quarter of 2003, we determined that the acquisition was no longer probable and wrote-off such expenses.

