## 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): October 28, 2004

Asbury Automotive Group, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)
5511
(Commission File Number)

01-0609375
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

622 Third Avenue, 37th Floor, New York, NY
(Address of principal executive offices)

10017
(Zip Code)

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

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:
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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 October 28, 2004, announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 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. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated October 28, 2004. |

## 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.

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 October 28, 2004.

Asbury Automotive Group Reports Third Quarter Financial Results

New York, NY, October 28, 2004 - 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 quarter ended September 30, 2004.

Net income from continuing operations was $\$ 13.0$ million for the third quarter of 2004, or $\$ 0.40$ per diluted share, compared with $\$ 16.7$ million, or $\$ 0.51$ per diluted share, in the prior year quarter. Net income was $\$ 12.1$ million, or $\$ 0.37$ per diluted share, compared with $\$ 16.2$ million, or $\$ 0.50$ per diluted share, in the prior year period. For the first nine months of 2004, net income from continuing operations was $\$ 38.7$ million, or $\$ 1.18$ per diluted share, compared with $\$ 38.3$ million, or $\$ 1.17$ per diluted share, a year ago. Net income for the first nine months was $\$ 37.2$ million, or $\$ 1.14$ per diluted share, compared with $\$ 35.6$ million, or $\$ 1.09$ per diluted share, in the corresponding period last year.

As previously reported, four major hurricanes during the quarter had a significant impact on the Company's Florida operations, which accounted for approximately 43 percent of Asbury's operating income in the third quarter of 2003. The operating income of the Company's Florida operations in the third quarter of 2004 was down approximately 30 percent and income from continuing operations decreased $\$ 0.10$ per share from a year ago, due in large part to the severe weather experienced during the quarter.

Other financial highlights for the third quarter of 2004, as compared to the prior year period, included:
o Total revenue for the quarter was approximately $\$ 1.4$ billion, up 11.8 percent. Total gross profit was $\$ 208.2$ million, a 9.2 percent increase. Excluding results at the Company's two Florida platforms, total revenue and gross profit were up 18.5 percent and 16.7 percent, respectively.
o Same-store retail revenue (excluding fleet and wholesale business) increased 0.6 percent, while same-store retail gross profit decreased 0.7 percent. Excluding results in Florida, same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 2.9 percent and 1.6 percent, respectively.
o New vehicle retail revenue rose 12.0 percent (1.2 percent same-store), and unit sales increased 9.7 percent (down 2.0 percent same-store). New vehicle retail gross profit increased 8.7 percent (down 4.1 percent same-store). Excluding results in Florida, new vehicle same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 2.6 percent and down 2.0 percent, respectively.
$0 \quad$ Used vehicle retail revenue increased 5.5 percent (down 4.0 percent same-store), and unit sales increased 2.9 percent (down 5.4 percent same-store). Used vehicle retail gross profit increased 0.3 percent (down 8.0 percent same-store). Excluding results in Florida, used vehicle same-store retail revenue and gross profit were up 2.3 percent and down 6.1 percent, respectively.
o Parts, service and collision repair revenue and gross profit increased 15.4 percent and 12.2 percent ( 5.1 percent and 2.6 percent same-store), respectively. Excluding results in Florida, parts, service and collision repair same-store revenue and gross profit were up 5.0 percent and 4.0 percent, respectively.
o Net finance and insurance (F\&I) revenue rose 10.7 percent ( 1.9 percent same-store). F\&I per vehicle retailed (PVR) increased 3.2 percent to $\$ 902$, and platform F\&I PVR rose 3.3 percent to $\$ 870$. Excluding results in Florida, net F\&I same-store revenue rose 6.3 percent, while F\&I PVR increased 6.1 percent and platform F\&I PVR rose 6.1 percent.
o The Company's St. Louis platform was very successful in selling through a large portion of vehicles damaged from a May hailstorm at better than anticipated gross margins, however, there still remains approximately 100 of the more considerably damaged cars that are expected to be sold at lower gross profits.
o As a percentage of gross profit, selling, general and administrative (SG\&A) expenses for the quarter were 81.1 percent, compared with 75.8 percent in the prior-year period. Hurricane-related disruptions in Florida and other southeastern markets contributed to the increase; other factors included a sale-leaseback transaction that resulted in increased rent expense, while reducing interest and depreciation expense, as well as start-up costs associated with new and acquired dealerships.
o The Company's effective tax rate for the quarter was 37.5 percent, compared to 37.9 percent in the prior year quarter. For the year to date, the Company's effective tax rate was 37.2 percent, compared to 39.0 percent in 2003.

President and CEO Kenneth B. Gilman said, "This past quarter was one that tested our business model on many levels, with some aspects proving to be robust while others were challenged. While the quarter was stressed by severe weather in our Florida markets, as well as a less than optimal industry environment, the validity of the business model itself was once again reaffirmed.
"Excluding our two Florida platforms, same-store retail gross profit rose 1.6 percent for the third quarter - nearly matching the 1.7 percent increase achieved during the second quarter. The underlying dynamics remained similar as well, with new and used vehicle gross margins under ongoing pressure throughout the industry. At the same time, we effectively offset this pressure with continued solid increases in income from our F\&I and fixed operations."
J. Gordon Smith, Senior Vice President and CFO, commented, "The increase in our SG\&A expense ratio was principally attributable to four factors. Specifically, our Florida platforms on a comparable basis earned $\$ 0.10$ per share less this quarter than in the third quarter of 2003, primarily due to the impact of the hurricanes. This contributed 140 basis points to the increase in our expense ratio. In addition, our investment in new markets in Southern California and Frisco, Texas, which should allow us to continue to grow in key areas, in the short-term added 160 basis points to the expense ratio. After adjusting for these items, we made two other decisions that impacted the ratio. A sale-leaseback transaction added $\$ 2.3$ million of rent expense, contributing 160 basis points to the increase, although this is principally offset by reductions in depreciation expense and interest expense not included in SG\&A. Lastly, in an effort to maintain market share, we increased our advertising spending during the quarter, accounting for the remaining 70 basis points of the increase.
"We also acknowledge that cost control is an ongoing issue with any retailer, and we're confident that programs being implemented now will have a positive impact upon the remainder of 2004 and into 2005, positioning us to deliver improved productivity."

Mr. Gilman concluded, "On balance, Asbury's performance this quarter leads me to conclude that our ability to successfully deliver on our model is within our control. While a portion of the expense increase we experienced during the
quarter was unavoidable, such as the impact of the hurricanes, some of the overall increase represented investments in the business that should eventually benefit us. In other areas, the expense increases were less than intentional, and really represent opportunities for us to do a better job of bringing more of our gross profit down to the bottom line. The challenges we faced only served to confirm the direction we're heading in and the work we still need to do."

Commenting on guidance for 2004, the Company now expects earnings from continuing operations for the full year to be in a range between \$1.52 and \$1.57 per share.

Thus far this year, Asbury has acquired dealerships that represent approximately $\$ 315$ million in annualized revenues, within its previously targeted range of $\$ 300$ million to $\$ 500$ million for the full year.

Asbury will host a conference call to discuss its third 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 888-602-6363; international callers, please dial 719-955-1568. No access code is required.

A conference call replay will be available 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 883005.

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 2003 revenue of $\$ 4.8$ billion. Built through a combination of organic growth and a series of strategic acquisitions, the Company currently operates 99 retail auto stores, encompassing 137 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, general economic conditions both nationally and locally and governmental regulations and legislation. There can be no guarantees that the Company's plans for future operations will be successfully implemented or that they will prove to be commercially successful. These and other risk factors are discussed in the Company's annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ and in its other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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

|  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
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|  |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |
| REVENUES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle | \$ | 862,863 | \$ | 761,340 | \$ | 2,421,645 |  | 2,114, 259 |
| Used vehicle |  | 329,998 |  | 309, 371 |  | 965, 355 |  | 887,701 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 157,416 |  | 136,385 |  | 450, 506 |  | 389, 012 |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 39,749 |  | 35,923 |  | 110,569 |  | 96, 241 |
| Total revenues |  | 390, 026 |  | 1,243, 019 |  | 3,948,075 |  | 3,487,213 |
| COST OF SALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle |  | 802,562 |  | 706,315 |  | 2,248,480 |  | 1,958,751 |
| Used vehicle |  | 303, 236 |  | 282,200 |  | 882,693 |  | 806,710 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 75,985 |  | 63,816 |  | 214,890 |  | 181,804 |
| Total cost of sales |  | 181, 783 |  | 1, 052,331 |  | 3,346, 063 |  | 2,947, 265 |
| GROSS PROFIT |  | 208,243 |  | 190,688 |  | 602, 012 |  | 539,948 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative |  | 168,836 |  | 144,474 |  | 481, 344 |  | 419,596 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 4,993 |  | 5,004 |  | 15,419 |  | 14,602 |
| Income from operations |  | 34,414 |  | 41,210 |  | 105,249 |  | 105,750 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floor plan interest expense |  | $(5,383)$ |  | $(4,207)$ |  | $(15,233)$ |  | $(12,871)$ |
| Other interest expense |  | $(8,678)$ |  | (10, 088 ) |  | $(29,186)$ |  | $(30,030)$ |
| Interest income |  | 228 |  | 190 |  | 613 |  | 436 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of assets |  | 42 |  | (94) |  | (99) |  | (432) |
| Other income (expense) |  | 129 |  | (78) |  | 226 |  | 2 |
| Total other expense, net |  | $(13,662)$ |  | $(14,277)$ |  | $(43,679)$ |  | $(42,895)$ |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes and discontinued operations |  | 20,752 |  | 26,933 |  | 61,570 |  | 62,855 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE |  | 7,782 |  | 10,214 |  | 22,912 |  | 24,507 |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 12,970 |  | 16,719 |  | 38,658 |  | 38,348 |
| DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax |  | (854) |  | (475) |  | $(1,430)$ |  | $(2,734)$ |
| Net income | \$ | 12,116 | \$ | 16,244 | \$ | 37,228 | \$ | 35,614 |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.52 | \$ | 1.19 | \$ | 1.17 |
| Discontinued operations |  | (0.03) |  | (0.02) |  | (0.04) |  | (0.08) |
| Net income | \$ | 0.37 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 1.15 | \$ | 1.09 |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.51 | \$ | 1.18 | \$ | 1.17 |
| Discontinued operations |  | (0.03) |  | (0.01) |  | (0.04) |  | (0.08) |
| Net income | \$ | 0.37 | \$ | 0.50 | \$ | 1.14 | \$ | 1.09 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 32,540 |  | 32,419 |  | 32,482 |  | 32,721 |
| Diluted |  | 32,647 |  | 32,612 |  | 32,675 |  | 32,761 |

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(Unaudited)

|  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 |  |  |  |  |  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  | n-Florida erations |  | Florida erations* |  | Total |  | n-Florida erations |  | lorida erations* |  | Total |
| REVENUES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle | \$ | 623, 997 | \$ | 238,866 | \$ | 862,863 | \$ | 524,152 | \$ | 237,188 | \$ | 761,340 |
| Used vehicle |  | 236,409 |  | 93,589 |  | 329,998 |  | 202,803 |  | 106,568 |  | 309,371 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 119, 244 |  | 38,172 |  | 157,416 |  | 100,184 |  | 36, 201 |  | 136,385 |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 27,905 |  | 11,844 |  | 39,749 |  | 23,301 |  | 12,622 |  | 35,923 |
| Total revenues |  | 1,007,555 |  | 382,471 |  | 1,390, 026 |  | 850,440 |  | 392,579 |  | 243, 019 |
| COST OF SALES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New vehicle |  | 580,591 |  | 221, 971 |  | 802,562 |  | 487, 266 |  | 219, 049 |  | 706,315 |
| Used vehicle |  | 218,709 |  | 84,527 |  | 303, 236 |  | 186, 317 |  | 95,883 |  | 282, 200 |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 59,222 |  | 16,763 |  | 75,985 |  | 49,189 |  | 14,627 |  | 63,816 |
| Total cost of sales |  | 858,522 |  | 323, 261 |  | 1,181,783 |  | 722,772 |  | 329,559 |  | 052,331 |
| GROSS PROFIT |  | 149, 033 |  | 59,210 |  | 208, 243 |  | 127,668 |  | 63, 020 |  | 190,688 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative |  | 121,947 |  | 46,889 |  | 168,836 |  | 100,472 |  | 44, 002 |  | 144,474 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 4, 000 |  | 993 |  | 4,993 |  | 3,691 |  | 1,313 |  | 5,004 |
| Income from operations |  | 23, 086 |  | 11,328 |  | 34,414 |  | 23,505 |  | 17,705 |  | 41, 210 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Floor plan interest expense |  | $(3,943)$ |  | $(1,440)$ |  | $(5,383)$ |  | $(2,888)$ |  | $(1,319)$ |  | $(4,207)$ |
| Other interest expense |  | $(8,426)$ |  | (252) |  | $(8,678)$ |  | $(9,436)$ |  | (652) |  | $(10,088)$ |
| Interest income |  | 197 |  | 31 |  | 228 |  | 64 |  | 126 |  | 190 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of assets |  | 3 |  | 39 |  | 42 |  | (100) |  | 6 |  | (94) |
| Other income (expense) |  | 116 |  | 13 |  | 129 |  | (163) |  | 85 |  | (78) |
| Total other expense, net |  | $(12,053)$ |  | $(1,609)$ |  | $(13,662)$ |  | $(12,523)$ |  | $(1,754)$ |  | $(14,277)$ |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes and discontinued operations |  | 11,033 |  | 9,719 |  | 20,752 |  | 10,982 |  | 15,951 |  | 26,933 |
| INCOME TAX EXPENSE |  | 3,903 |  | 3,879 |  | 7,782 |  | 4,665 |  | 5,549 |  | 10,214 |
| Income from continuing operations |  | 7,130 |  | 5,840 |  | 12,970 |  | 6,317 |  | 10,402 |  | 16,719 |
| DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS, net of tax |  | $(1,260)$ |  | 406 |  | (854) |  | $(1,184)$ |  | 709 |  | (475) |
| Net income | \$ | 5,870 | \$ | 6,246 | \$ | 12,116 | \$ | 5,133 | \$ | 11,111 | \$ | 16,244 |
| BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.20 | \$ | 0.32 | \$ | 0.52 |
| Discontinued operations |  | (0.04) |  | 0.01 |  | (0.03) |  | (0.04) |  | 0.02 |  | (0.02) |
| Net income | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.19 | \$ | 0.37 | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 0.34 | \$ | 0.50 |
| DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations | \$ | 0.22 | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.40 | \$ | 0.19 | \$ | 0.32 | \$ | 0.51 |
| Discontinued operations |  | (0.04) |  | 0.01 |  | (0.03) |  | (0.03) |  | 0.02 |  | (0.01) |
| Net income | \$ | 0.18 | \$ | 0.19 | \$ | 0.37 | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 0.34 | \$ | 0.50 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic |  | 32,540 |  | 32,540 |  | 32,540 |  | 32,419 |  | 32,419 |  | 32,419 |
| Diluted |  | 32,647 |  | 32,647 |  | 32,647 |  | 32,612 |  | 32,612 |  | 32,612 |

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 September 30, |  |  |  |  |  | Same Store for the <br> Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  |  |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 28,411 | $64.5 \%$ |  | 25,900 | 63.0\% |  | 25,378 | 63.8\% |  | 25,900 | 63.0\% |
| Used units |  | 15,645 | 35.5\% |  | 15,202 | 37.0\% |  | 14,379 | 36.2\% |  | 15,202 | 37.0\% |
| Total units |  | 44, 056 | 100.0\% |  | 41,102 | 100.0\% |  | 39,757 | 100.0\% |  | 41,102 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 845,114 | 60.8\% | \$ | 754, 866 | 60.7\% | \$ | 763,799 | 60.6\% | \$ | 754, 866 | 60.7\% |
| Used retail |  | 245,617 | 17.7\% |  | 232,717 | 18.7\% |  | 223,506 | 17.7\% |  | 232,717 | 18.7\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 157,416 | 11.3\% |  | 136,385 | 11.0\% |  | 143, 349 | 11.4\% |  | 136,385 | 11.0\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 39,749 | $2.9 \%$ |  | 35,923 | 2.9\% |  | 36,616 | $2.9 \%$ |  | 35,923 | 2.9\% |
| Total retail revenue |  | 287,896 |  |  | 159,891 |  |  | ,167,270 |  |  | 159,891 |  |
| Fleet |  | 17,749 | 1.3\% |  | 6,474 | 0.5\% |  | 17,378 | 1.4\% |  | 6,474 | 0.5\% |
| Wholesale |  | 84,381 | $6.0 \%$ |  | 76,654 | 6. $2 \%$ |  | 76,023 | 6.0\% |  | 76,654 | $6.2 \%$ |
| Total revenue |  | 390, 026 | 100.0\% |  | 243, 019 | 100.0\% |  | ,260,671 | 100.0\% |  | 243, 019 | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 52,812 | 25.3\% | \$ | 48,564 | 25.5\% |  | 46,568 | 24.6\% | \$ | 48,564 | 25.5\% |
| Used retail |  | 28,078 | 13.5\% |  | 27,992 | 14.7\% |  | 25,763 | 13.6\% |  | 27,992 | 14.7\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 81,431 | 39.1\% |  | 72,569 | 38.1\% |  | 74,440 | 39.3\% |  | 72,569 | 38.1\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 39,749 | 19.1\% |  | 35,923 | 18.8\% |  | 36,616 | 19.3\% |  | 35,923 | 18.8\% |
| Floor plan interest credits |  | 6,867 | 3.3\% |  | 6,170 | 3. $2 \%$ |  | 6,418 | 3.4\% |  | 6,170 | 3. $2 \%$ |
| Total retail gross profit |  | 208, 937 |  |  | 191, 218 |  |  | 189, 805 |  |  | 191, 218 |  |
| Fleet |  | 622 | $0.3 \%$ |  | 291 | $0.1 \%$ |  | 620 | $0.3 \%$ |  | 291 | $0.1 \%$ |
| Wholesale |  | $(1,316)$ | (0.6)\% |  | (821) | (0.4)\% |  | $(1,064)$ | (0.5)\% |  | (821) | (0.4)\% |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 208, 243 | 100.0\% | \$ | 190,688 | 100.0\% |  | 189, 361 | 100.0\% | \$ | 190,688 | 100.0\% |
| Sales, general and administrative (SG\&A) expense | \$ | 168,836 |  | \$ | 144,474 |  |  | 151,747 |  | \$ | 144,474 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit |  | 81.1\% |  |  | 75.8\% |  |  | 80.1\% |  |  | 75.8\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) | \$ | 2,101 |  | New retail (including floor plan |  |  |  | 2,088 |  |  | 2,113 |  |
| Used retail |  | 1,795 |  |  | 1,841 |  |  | 1,792 |  |  | 1,841 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 902 |  |  | 874 |  |  | 921 |  |  | 874 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net |  | 870 |  |  | 842 |  |  | 886 |  |  | 842 |  |


|  | As Reported for the <br> Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  | Same Store for the Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 2004 |  |  | 2003 |  |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 79,979 | 63.2\% |  | 72,327 | 61.9\% |  | 71,996 | 62.7\% |  | 72,327 | 61.9\% |
| Used units |  | 46,534 | 36.8\% |  | 44,470 | 38.1\% |  | 42,799 | 37.3\% |  | 44,470 | $38.1 \%$ |
| Total units |  | 126,513 | 100.0\% |  | 116,797 | 100. 0\% |  | 114,795 | 100.0\% |  | 116,797 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail |  | 375,774 | $60.2 \%$ |  | 079, 269 | 59.6\% |  | 147,385 | 60.0\% |  | 079,269 | 59.6\% |
| Used retail |  | 720,662 | 18.2\% |  | 682,182 | 19.6\% |  | 652,780 | 18.2\% |  | 682,182 | 19.6\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 450, 506 | 11.4\% |  | 389, 012 | 11.1\% |  | 407,990 | 11.4\% |  | 389, 012 | 11.1\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 110,569 | $2.8 \%$ |  | 96,241 | 2.8\% |  | 102,357 | 2.9\% |  | 96, 241 | $2.8 \%$ |
| Total retail revenue |  | 657,511 |  |  | 246,704 |  |  | 310, 512 |  |  | 246,704 |  |
| Fleet |  | 45,871 | 1. $2 \%$ |  | 34,990 | 1.0\% |  | 45,266 | 1.3\% |  | 34,990 | 1.0\% |
| Wholesale |  | 244,693 | 6.2\% |  | 205,519 | 5.9\% |  | 220,596 | 6. $2 \%$ |  | 205,519 | 5.9\% |
| Total revenue |  | 948, 075 | 100.0\% |  | 487, 213 | 100. $0 \%$ |  | 576,374 | 100. $0 \%$ |  | 487, 213 | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 152,667 | 25.4\% | \$ | 137,933 | 25.5\% | \$ | 134,658 | 24.6\% | \$ | 137,933 | 25.5\% |
| Used retail |  | 85, 242 | 14.1\% |  | 81,670 | 15.1\% |  | 77,987 | 14.3\% |  | 81,670 | 15.1\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 235,616 | 39.1\% |  | 207, 208 | 38.4\% |  | 214,413 | 39.3\% |  | 207, 208 | 38.4\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 110,569 | 18.4\% |  | 96, 241 | 17.8\% |  | 102, 357 | 18.7\% |  | 96, 241 | 17.8\% |
| Floor plan interest credits |  | 18,871 | 3.1\% |  | 16,710 | 3.1\% |  | 17,652 | 3. 2\% |  | 16,710 | $3.1 \%$ |
| Total retail gross profit |  | 602,965 |  |  | 539,762 |  |  | 547, 067 |  |  | 539,762 |  |
| Fleet Wholesale |  | $\begin{gathered} 1,627 \\ (2,580) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.3 \% \\ (0.4) \% \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 865 \\ (679) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.2 \% \\ (0.1) \% \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 1,624 \\ (2,250) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.3 \% \\ (0.4) \% \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 865 \\ (679) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 0.2 \% \\ (0.1) \% \end{gathered}$ |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 602, 012 | 100.0\% | \$ | 539,948 | 100.0\% | \$ | 546,441 | 100.0\% | \$ | 539,948 | 100.0\% |
| Sales, general and administrative (SG\&A) expense | \$ | 481, 344 |  | \$ | 419,596 |  | \$ | 434, 806 |  | \$ | 419, 596 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit |  | 80. 0\% |  |  | 77.7\% |  |  | 79.6\% |  |  | 77.7\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) | New retail (including floor plan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Used retail |  | 1,832 |  |  | 1,837 |  |  | 1,822 |  |  | 1,837 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 874 |  |  | 824 |  |  | 892 |  |  | 824 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net |  | 838 |  |  | 813 |  |  | 852 |  |  | 813 |  |

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

|  | Non-Florida Operations |  |  | orida rations* |  |  | otal |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units | 20,215 | 65.6\% |  | 8,196 | 62.0\% |  | 28,411 | 64.5\% |
| Used units | 10,615 | 34.4\% |  | 5,030 | 38.0\% |  | 15,645 | 35.5\% |
| Total units | 30,830 | 100.0\% |  | 13,226 | 100.0\% |  | 44, 056 | 100.0\% |
|  | ========= | ===== |  | $====$ | ===== |  | $=====$ | $====$ |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ 615,343 | 61.1\% | \$ | 229,771 | 60.1\% | \$ | 845,114 | 60.8\% |
| Used retail | 174,533 | 17.3\% |  | 71, 084 | 18.5\% |  | 245, 617 | 17.7\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 119,244 | 11.8\% |  | 38,172 | 10.0\% |  | 157,416 | 11.3\% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 27,905 | 2.8\% |  | 11,844 | 3.1\% |  | 39,749 | 2.9\% |
| Total retail revenue | 937,025 |  |  | 350,871 |  |  | 287,896 |  |
| Fleet | 8,654 | 0.9\% |  | 9, 095 | 2.4\% |  | 17,749 | 1.3\% |
| Wholesale | 61,876 | 6.1\% |  | 22,505 | 5.9\% |  | 84,381 | 6.0\% |
| Total revenue | \$1, 007,555 | 100.0\% | \$ | 382,471 | 100.0\% |  | 390,026 | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ 38,743 | 26.0\% | \$ | 14,069 | 23.8\% | \$ | 52,812 | 25.3\% |
| Used retail | 18, 364 | 12.3\% |  | 9,714 | 16.4\% |  | 28, 078 | 13.5\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair | 60,022 | 40.3\% |  | 21,409 | 36.2\% |  | 81, 431 | 39.1\% |
| Finance and insurance, net | 27,905 | 18.7\% |  | 11, 844 | 20.0\% |  | 39,749 | 19.1\% |
| Floor plan interest credits | 4,472 | 3.0\% |  | 2,395 | 4.0\% |  | 6,867 | 3.3\% |
| Total retail gross profit | 149,506 |  |  | 59,431 |  |  | 208,937 |  |
| Fleet | 191 | 0.1\% |  | 431 | 0.7\% |  | 622 | 0.3\% |
| Wholesale | (664) | (0.4)\% |  | (652) | (1.1)\% |  | $(1,316)$ | (0.6)\% |
| Total gross profit | \$ 149,033 | 100.0\% | \$ | 59,210 | 100.0\% | \$ | 208,243 | 100.0\% |
| Sales, general and administrative (SG\&A) expense | 121,947 |  |  | 46,889 |  |  | 168,836 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit | 81.8\% |  |  | 79.2\% |  |  | 81.1\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) | \$ 2,138 |  | \$ | 2,009 |  | \$ | 2,101 |  |
| Used retail | 1,730 |  |  | 1,931 |  |  | 1,795 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net | 905 |  |  | 896 |  |  | 902 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net | 859 |  |  | 896 |  |  | 870 |  |

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|  | Same Store For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Florida Operations |  |  | Florida Operations* |  | Total |  |  |  |
| RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New units |  | 17,320 | 65.4\% |  | 8,580 | 58.7\% |  | 25,900 | 63.0\% |
| Used units |  | 9,172 | 34.6\% |  | 6,030 | 41.3\% |  | 15,202 | 37.0\% |
| Total units |  | 26,492 | 100.0\% |  | 14,610 | 100.0\% |  | 41,102 | 100.0\% |
| REVENUE: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 520,465 | 61.2\% | \$ | 234,401 | 59.7\% | \$ | 754,866 | 60.7\% |
| Used retail |  | 149, 059 | 17.5\% |  | 83,658 | 21.3\% |  | 232,717 | 18.7\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 100, 184 | 11.8\% |  | 36,201 | 9.2\% |  | 136,385 | 11.0\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 23,301 | 2.8\% |  | 12,622 | 3.2\% |  | 35,923 | 2.9\% |
| Total retail revenue |  | 793,009 |  |  | 366,882 |  |  | 159,891 |  |
| Fleet |  | 3,687 | 0.4\% |  | 2,787 | 0.7\% |  | 6,474 | 0.5\% |
| Wholesale |  | 53,744 | 6.3\% |  | 22,910 | 5.9\% |  | 76,654 | 6.2\% |
| Total revenue | \$ | 850,440 | 100.0\% | \$ | 392,579 | 100.0\% |  | 243,019 | 100.0\% |
| GROSS PROFIT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail | \$ | 33,157 | 26.0\% | \$ | 15,407 | 24.5\% | \$ | 48,564 | 25.5\% |
| Used retail |  | 17,097 | 13.4\% |  | 10,895 | 17.3\% |  | 27,992 | 14.7\% |
| Parts, service and collision repair |  | 50,995 | 39.9\% |  | 21,574 | 34.2\% |  | 72,569 | 38.1\% |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 23,301 | 18.2\% |  | 12,622 | 20.0\% |  | 35,923 | 18.8\% |
| Floor plan interest credits |  | 3,770 | 3.0\% |  | 2,400 | 3.8\% |  | 6,170 | 3.2\% |
| Total retail gross profit |  | 128,320 |  |  | 62,898 |  |  | 191, 218 |  |
| Fleet |  | (41) | - \% |  | 332 | 0.5\% |  | 291 | 0.1\% |
| Wholesale |  | (611) | (0.5)\% |  | (210) | (0.3)\% |  | (821) | (0.4)\% |
| Total gross profit | \$ | 127,668 | 100.0\% | \$ | 63, 020 | 100.0\% | \$ | 190,688 | 100.0\% |
| Sales, general and administrative (SG\&A) expense |  | 100,472 |  |  | 44,002 |  |  | 144,474 |  |
| SG\&A as a percent of gross profit |  | 78.7\% |  |  | 69.8\% |  |  | 75.8\% |  |
| GROSS PROFIT PER VEHICLE RETAILED: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| New retail (including floor plan interest credits) |  | \$ 2,132 |  | \$ | 2,075 |  | \$ | 2,113 |  |
| Used retail |  | 1,864 |  |  | 1,807 |  |  | 1,841 |  |
| Finance and insurance, net |  | 880 |  |  | 864 |  |  | 874 |  |
| Platform finance and insurance, net |  | 830 |  |  | 864 |  |  | 842 |  |


| As of | As of |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { September } 30, \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December } 31, \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
|  |  |
| \$ 18,255 | \$ 106,711 |
| 692,300 | 650,397 |
| 1, 039,296 | 1, 041,542 |
| 557,181 | 602,167 |
| 765,172 | 781, 758 |
| \$ 531,115 | \$ 592,378 |
| 467,974 | 433,707 |
| \$ 999,089 | \$1, 026, 085 |

BALANCE SHEET HIGHLIGHTS
Cash and cash equivalents
Inventories
Total current assets
Floor plan notes payable
Total current liabilities

## CAPITALIZATION:

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

Total

106,711
650, 397
, 041, 542
602, 167
781, 758
======

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

We evaluate our finance and insurance gross profit performance on a per-vehicle retailed basis by dividing our total finance and insurance gross profit by the number of retail vehicles sold. During 2003, we renegotiated a contract with one of our third party finance and insurance product providers, which resulted in the recognition of income that was not attributable to retail vehicles sold during the year. We believe that platform finance and insurance, which excludes the additional revenue derived from contracts negotiated by our corporate office, provides a more accurate measure of our 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.

CONCILIATION 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

| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 39,749 \\ (1,408) \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \$ 35,923 \\ (1,300) \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$38,341 | \$34,623 |
| 28,411 | 25,900 |
| 15,645 | 15,202 |
| 44,056 | 41,102 |

Same Store For the Three Months Ended September 30,

$\left.\begin{array}{cc}\$ 36,616 \\ (1,408)\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\$ 35,923 \\ (1,300)\end{array}\right)$

As Reported For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

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

Same Store for the Nine Months Ended September 30,

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


| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 102,357 \\ (4,556) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 96,241 \\ (1,300) \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$ 97,801 | \$ 94,941 |


| $\begin{array}{r} \$ 110,569 \\ (4,556) \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \$ 96,241 \\ (1,300) \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| \$106, 013 | \$ 94,941 |
| 79,979 | 72,327 |
| 46,534 | 44,470 |
| 126,513 | 116,797 |

71,996
42,799
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Total units
RETAIL VEHICLES SOLD: New retail units Used retail units

IN
TO PLATFORM FINANCE AND INSURANCE:
Finance and insurance, net
Less: corporate finance and insurance
Platform finance and insurance, net

We define operating income as gross profit less selling, general and administrative expenses, and depreciation and amortization expense. The operating income of the Company's Florida operations was largely impacted by incremental rent expense associated with a sale-leaseback transaction that was entered into in the third quarter of 2004. We believe that excluding the incremental rent expense from the operating income and income from continuing operations per share for the third quarter of 2004 provides a more meaningful basis to measure the results of the Company's Florida operations compared to that of the prior year period. A reconciliation of the Company's Florida adjusted operating income and income from continuing operations per share is presented below.

|  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 | Variance | \% Variance |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating income of Florida operations* | \$11,328 | \$17,705 | \$ $(6,377)$ | (36.0)\% |
| Add: |  |  |  |  |
| Incremental rent expense associated with sale-leaseback transaction | 1,184 | - | 1,184 |  |
| Adjusted operating income from Florida operations* | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 12,512 \\ & ====== \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 17,705$ $=======$ | $\begin{aligned} & \$(5,193) \\ & ======= \end{aligned}$ | (29.3)\% |
|  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 | Variance |  |
| Income from continuing Florida operations* | \$ 5,840 | \$10,402 | \$ 4,562 ) |  |
| Add: |  |  |  |  |
| Incremental rent expense associated with sale-leaseback transaction | 1,184 | - | 1,184 |  |
| Adjusted income from continuing Florida operations* | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 7,024 \\ & ======= \end{aligned}$ | \$10,402 | $\begin{aligned} & \$(3,378) \\ & ====== \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 32,540 | 32,419 |  |  |
| Adjusted income from continuing Florida operations* per share | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.32 | \$ (0.10) |  |

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