

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form SC 13G
May 26, 2004

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)***

Tower Automotive, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

891707101

(CUSIP Number)

May 19, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Citadel Limited Partnership

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Illinois limited partnership
 U.S.A.

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock

7. Sole Dispositive Power
 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power
 See Row 6 above.

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
 See Row 6 above.

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

Approximately 7.2% as of the date of this filing (based on 58,035,678 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 3, 2004).

12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

PN; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

GLB Partners, L.P.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Delaware limited partnership
 U.S.A.

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
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 Beneficially
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Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Delaware limited liability company
 U.S.A.

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
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 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
 OO; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Kenneth Griffin

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

U.S. Citizen
 U.S.A.

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
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IN; HC

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 Citadel Wellington Partners L.P.
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) y
 - (b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Illinois limited partnership
- | | | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 5. | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 6. | Shared Voting Power | 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | See Row 6 above. |
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 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) y
 - (b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Delaware limited partnership
- | | | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|---|
| | 5. | Sole Voting Power | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | | | 0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power | |
| | | 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock | |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power | |
| | | 0 | |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
| | | See Row 6 above. | |
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PN; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Citadel Kensington Global Strategies Fund Ltd.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Bermuda company

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock

7. Sole Dispositive Power
 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power
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12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
 CO; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
 Citadel Equity Fund Ltd.
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) y
 - (b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Cayman Islands company
- | | | | |
|---|----|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | 5. | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | 6. | Shared Voting Power | 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
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 CO; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)

Citadel Distressed and Credit Opportunity Fund Ltd.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Cayman Islands company

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
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 Reporting
 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock

7. Sole Dispositive Power
 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power
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Citadel Jackson Investment Fund Ltd.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
 (b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Cayman Islands company

5. Sole Voting Power
 0

Number of
 Shares
 Beneficially
 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With

6. Shared Voting Power
 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock

7. Sole Dispositive Power
 0

8. Shared Dispositive Power
 See Row 6 above.

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 CO; HC

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
Citadel Credit Trading Ltd.
 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) y
 - (b) o
 3. SEC Use Only
 4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
Cayman Islands company
- | | | | |
|---|----|----------------------------------|---|
| | 5. | Sole Voting Power | |
| Number of
Shares
Beneficially
Owned by
Each
Reporting
Person With | | | 0 |
| | 6. | Shared Voting Power | |
| | | 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock | |
| | 7. | Sole Dispositive Power | |
| | | 0 | |
| | 8. | Shared Dispositive Power | |
| | | See Row 6 above. | |
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
See Row 6 above.
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 12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)
CO

1. Names of Reporting Persons. I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)
 Aragon Investments, Ltd.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
 - (a) y
 - (b) o
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization
 Bermuda company
5. Sole Voting Power
 0
6. Shared Voting Power
 4,182,900 shares of Common Stock
7. Sole Dispositive Power
 0
8. Shared Dispositive Power
 See Row 6 above.
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 CO

Number of
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 Owned by
 Each
 Reporting
 Person With

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Item 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer
TOWER AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices

27175 Haggerty Road

Novi, MI 48377

Item 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
- (c) Citizenship
 - Citadel Limited Partnership
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Illinois limited partnership
 - GLB Partners, L.P.
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Delaware limited partnership
 - Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Delaware limited liability company
 - Kenneth Griffin
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
U.S. Citizen
 - Citadel Wellington Partners L.P.
c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Illinois limited partnership
 - Citadel Wellington Partners L.P. SE
c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
Delaware limited partnership

Citadel Kensington Global Strategies Fund Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Bermuda company

Citadel Equity Fund Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Cayman Islands company

Citadel Distressed and Credit Opportunity Fund Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Cayman Islands company

Citadel Jackson Investment Fund Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Cayman Islands company

Citadel Credit Trading Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Cayman Islands company

Aragon Investments, Ltd.
 c/o Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.
 131 S. Dearborn Street, 32nd Floor
 Chicago, Illinois 60603
 Bermuda company

- 2(d) Title of Class of Securities
 Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
- (e) CUSIP Number
 891707101

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
 (a) Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o).

- (b) o Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (c) o Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c).
- (d) o Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C 80a-8).
- (e) o An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) o An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) o A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) o A savings associations as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) o A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j) o Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box.

Item 4. Ownership

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.
CITADEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

GLB PARTNERS, L.P.

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP, L.L.C.

KENNETH GRIFFIN

CITADEL WELLINGTON PARTNERS L.P.

CITADEL WELLINGTON PARTNERS L.P. SE

CITADEL KENSINGTON GLOBAL STRATEGIES FUND LTD.

CITADEL EQUITY FUND LTD.

CITADEL DISTRESSED AND CREDIT OPPORTUNITY FUND LTD.

CITADEL JACKSON INVESTMENT FUND LTD.

CITADEL CREDIT TRADING LTD.

ARAGON INVESTMENTS, LTD.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

4,182,900 shares of Common Stock

(b) Percent of class:

Approximately 7.2% as of the date of this filing (based on 58,035,678 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of May 3, 2004).

(c) Number of shares as to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote
0

- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote
See item (a) above.
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of
See item (a) above.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class
Not Applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person
Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person
See Item 2 above.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group
Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group
Not Applicable.

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

* Adam C. Cooper is signing on behalf of Kenneth Griffin as attorney-in-fact pursuant to a power of attorney previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 19, 2002, and hereby incorporated by reference herein. The power of attorney was filed as an attachment to a filing by Citadel Limited Partnership on Form 3 for Metals USA, Inc.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2004

KENNETH GRIFFIN

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, attorney-in-fact*

CITADEL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

GLB PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

**CITADEL WELLINGTON PARTNERS
L.P.**

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its General Partner

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

CITADEL INVESTMENT GROUP, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

CITADEL EQUITY FUND LTD.

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

ARAGON INVESTMENTS, LTD.

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

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By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

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**CITADEL WELLINGTON PARTNERS
L.P. SE**

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its General Partner

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

CITADEL CREDIT TRADING LTD.

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

**CITADEL DISTRESSED AND CREDIT
OPPORTUNITY FUND LTD.**

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

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**CITADEL KENSINGTON GLOBAL
STRATEGIES FUND LTD.**

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group, L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

**CITADEL JACKSON INVESTMENT
FUND LTD.**

By: Citadel Limited Partnership,
its Portfolio Manager

By: GLB Partners, L.P.,
its General Partner

By: Citadel Investment Group,
L.L.C.,
its General Partner

By: /s/ Adam C. Cooper
Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing
Director and General Counsel

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