# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 22, 2004

USA TRUCK, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (state Or Other Jurisdiction

0-19858 (Commission 71-0556971 (I.R.S. Employer

Of Incorporation Or Organization)

file number)

Identification No.)

3200 Industrial Park Road

Van Buren, Arkansas (address Of Principal Executive Offices)

72956 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (479) 471-2500

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#### Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 News release issued by the registrant on April 22, 2004.

#### Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On April 22, 2004, the registrant issued a news release announcing its revenues and earnings for the first quarter of 2004. A copy of the news release is furnished as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

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#### **SIGNATURES**

In accordance with 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, thereunto duly authorized.

|       |                                | USA Truck, Inc.                   |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date: | April 23, 2004                 | (Registrant)                      |
|       |                                | /s/ ROBERT M. POWELL              |
|       |                                | Robert M. Powell                  |
|       |                                | Chairman and Chief                |
|       |                                | Executive Officer                 |
| Date: | April 23, 2004  April 23, 2004 | /s/ JERRY D. ORLER                |
|       |                                | Jerry D. Orler                    |
|       |                                | President                         |
|       |                                | /s/ CLIFTON R. BECKHAM            |
|       |                                | Clifton R. Beckham                |
|       |                                | Sr. Vice President Finance, Chief |
|       |                                | Financial Officer and Secretary   |