

GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER CO /OH/  
Form 8-K  
April 14, 2005

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UNITED STATES  
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):

April 12, 2005

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-1927

34-0253240

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio

44316-0001

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

330-796-2121

Not Applicable

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:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On April 12, 2005, the Board of Directors of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved a \$10,000 increase in the equity-based compensation paid to outside directors, effective July 1, 2005. As a result of the approved increase, outside directors will have \$20,000 accrued to their respective plan accounts each calendar quarter under the the Outside Directors' Equity Participation Plan. Directors previously had \$17,500 accrued to their plan accounts on a quarterly basis. Attached as Exhibit 10.1 is a revised schedule of Outside Directors' Annual Compensation, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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**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.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

*April 14, 2005*

By: *C. Thomas Harvie*

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*Name: C. Thomas Harvie*

*Title: Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Schedule of Outside Directors' Annual Compensation