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January 18, 2005

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549-1004

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) January 12, 2005

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| STATE OF DELAWARE<br>-----<br>(State or other jurisdiction of<br>Incorporation or Organization) | 1-143<br>-----<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 38-0572515<br>-----<br>(I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |
| 300 Renaissance Center,<br>Detroit, Michigan  |   | 48265-3000<br>(Zip Code)                                       |
| -----<br>(Address of Principal Executive Offices)   |   |  |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (313) 556-5000  
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240.14a-12)

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ITEM 2.06 MATERIAL IMPAIRMENTS

With respect to Form 8-K, Item 2.06, Material Impairments:

- (a) In connection with the preparation of General Motors Corporation's (GM) financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2004 and GM's 2005 budget and business plan process, GM reviewed the carrying value of its long-lived assets held and used, other than goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives. This review is performed using estimates of future cash flows. If the carrying value of a long-lived asset is considered impaired, an impairment charge is recorded for the amount by which the carrying value of the long-lived asset exceeds its fair value. As a result of this review, GM's management determined that charges for impairments of various assets were required as of December 31, 2004. These assets are:
  - i. GM's remaining investment in Fiat Auto S.p.A. (Fiat Auto); and
  - ii. Assets primarily related to certain product lines.
- (b) The amounts of the impairments are:
  - i. \$220 million pre-tax (\$136 million after tax) for GM's investment in Fiat Auto; and
  - ii. \$609 million pre-tax (\$383 million after tax) for assets primarily related to certain product lines. Additional charges will be recognized in connection with previously announced actions with respect to GM's Baltimore, Maryland and Linden, New Jersey plants.
- (c) These impairments will not result in future cash expenditures.

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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.

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

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(Registrant)

Date: January 18, 2005

By: /s/PETER R. BIBLE

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