

DURA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS INC

Form SC TO-T

July 08, 2003

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**SCHEDULE TO**

**Tender Offer Statement**

**Pursuant to Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.**

(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))

**MEI Investment Corp.**

**Dura Automotive Systems, Inc.**

(Name of Filing Persons (Offerors))

**Class B Common Stock,  
Par Value \$0.50 Per Share and  
Associated Preferred Share Purchase Rights**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**591520 10 1**  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

**David R. Bovee**

**Chief Financial Officer  
Dura Automotive Systems, Inc.  
2791 Research Drive  
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309  
Telephone: (248) 299-7500**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons)

*Copies to:*

**Dennis M. Myers  
Kirkland & Ellis LLP  
200 East Randolph Drive  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Telephone: (312) 861-2000**

**CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

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**Transaction Valuation\***

**Amount of Filing Fee**

\$25,008,015

\$2,024

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\* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of filing fee only, Transaction value is based on the purchase of 1,087,305 Shares of Class B Common Stock at the tender offer of \$23.00 per share.

\*\* The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, equals 0.008090% of the transaction valuation.

Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing with which the offsetting fee was previously paid. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

Amount Previously Paid:	Not applicable.	Filing Party:	Not applicable.
Form or Registration No.:	Not applicable.	Date Filed:	Not applicable.

Check the box if the filing relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

**Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:**

- third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.
- issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.
- going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.
- amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2.

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer.

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**Items 1 through 9, and Item 11**

This Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO is filed by Dura Automotive Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Parent ), and MEI Investment Corp. (the Purchaser ), a Delaware corporation and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Parent. This Schedule TO relates to the offer by the Purchaser to purchase all outstanding shares of class B common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, and the associated preferred share purchase rights (together, the Class B Shares ), of Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ), at \$23.00 per Share, net to the seller in cash, without interest, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated July 8, 2003 (the Offer to Purchase ), and in the related Letter of Transmittal, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii), respectively (which, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, collectively constitute the Offer ). The information set forth in the Offer to Purchase and the related Letter of Transmittal is incorporated herein by reference with respect to Items 1 through 9 and 11 of this Schedule TO.

**Item 10. Financial Statements**

Not applicable.

**Item 12. Exhibits**

- (a)
  
- (1)(i) Offer to Purchase dated July 8, 2003.
- (1)(ii) Form of Letter of Transmittal.
- (1)(iii) Form of Notice of Guaranteed Delivery.
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- (b) Not applicable.
  
- (c) Not applicable.
  
- (d) Not applicable.
  
- (e) Not applicable.
  
- (f) Not applicable.
  
- (g) Not applicable.
  
- (h) Not applicable.

\* Previously filed

**SIGNATURES**

After due 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: July 8, 2003

**DURA AUTOMOTIVE SYSTEMS, INC.**

By: */s/ DAVID R. BOVEE*

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Name: David R. Bovee

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**MEI INVESTMENT CORP.**

By: */s/ DAVID R. BOVEE*

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Name: David R. Bovee

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