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SUBJECT COMPANY

TOWER AUTOMOTIVE INC

CIK: **925548** | IRS No.: **411746238** | State of Incorpor.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
Type: **3** | Act: **34** | File No.: **001-12733** | Film No.: **98500551**
SIC: **3460** Metal forgings & stampings

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REPORTING OWNER

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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

File pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person
Enrique Zambrano
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Constitucion 405, 4th Floor
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2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)
12/16/97
3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Tower Automotive, Inc. TWR
5. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

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6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)
 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)
Common Stock
2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)
0

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v)

(Over)

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)

Date Exercisable:

Expiration Date:

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form or Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)
(Instr. 5)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Enrique Zambrano

December 30, 1997

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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