

USA TRUCK INC  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2003

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**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):  
October 16, 2003**

**Commission file number  
0-19858**

**USA TRUCK, INC.**

(EXACT NAME OF REGISTRANT AS SPECIFIED IN ITS CHARTER)

**Delaware**  
(STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION OF  
INCORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION)

**71-0556971**  
(I.R.S. EMPLOYER  
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 and Exhibits

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99.1 News release issued by the registrant on October 17, 2003.

Item 12. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 16, 2003, the registrant issued a news release announcing its revenues and earnings for the third quarter of 2003. A copy of the news release is furnished as an exhibit to this Form 8-K.

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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.**  
*(Registrant)*

Date: October 17, 2003  
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/s/ ROBERT M. POWELL  
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**Robert M. Powell**  
*Chairman and Chief  
Executive Officer*

Date: October 17, 2003  
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/s/ JERRY D. ORLER  
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**Jerry D. Orlor**  
*President*

Date: October 17, 2003  
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/s/ CLIFTON R. BECKHAM  
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**Clifton R. Beckham**  
*Vice President - Finance, Chief  
Financial Officer and Secretary*