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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

TENNECO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

76-0515284
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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500 North Field Drive

Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

(847) 482-5000

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Brandon B. Smith

Senior Vice President, General Counsel

and Corporate Secretary

500 North Field Drive

Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

(847) 482-5000

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

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Chicago, Illinois 60654

(312) 862-2000

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, smaller reporting company and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act:

Large accelerated filer		Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company
		Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(1)	Proposed Maximum	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
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Aggregate

Offering Price(1)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(1) Omitted pursuant to General Instructions II.E of Form S-3. An indeterminate amount of common stock is being registered as may from time to time be issued at indeterminate prices.

(2) In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), the Registrant is deferring payment of the Registration Fee.

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PROSPECTUS

Tenneco Inc.

Common Stock

We may use this prospectus from time to time to offer our common stock. We will provide specific terms of our common stock, and the manner in which our common stock will be offered, in supplements to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus and any supplement before you invest.

We may sell our common stock on a continuous or delayed basis, directly, through agents, dealers or underwriters as designated from time to time, or through a combination of these methods. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of our common stock, the applicable prospectus supplement will set forth their names and any applicable commissions or discounts. Our net proceeds from the sale of our common stock also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange under the trading symbol **TEN** .

For a discussion of factors that you should consider before you invest in our common stock, see Risk Factors on page 3 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the common stock offered by this prospectus or determined if this prospectus is truthful and complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 9, 2018.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission or the SEC), as a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). Under this shelf registration process, we may sell, from time to time, an indeterminate amount of our common stock in one or more offerings. Each time we sell our common stock, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, together with additional information described under Documents Incorporated by Reference into this Prospectus and Where You Can Find More Information.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information. If anyone provides you with different or additional information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer of our common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted. The information in this prospectus is accurate as of the date on the front cover. The information we have filed and will file with the SEC that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus is accurate as of the filing date of those documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates and may change again.

As used in this prospectus the terms the Company, Tenneco, we, us, and our may, depending upon the context, refer to Tenneco Inc., our consolidated subsidiaries, or to all of them taken as a whole.

DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, concerning, among other things, the prospects and developments of our company and business strategies for our operations, all of which are subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are included in various sections of this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. They are identified as forward-looking statements or by their use of terms (and variations thereof) such as will, may, can, anticipate, intend, continue, estimate, expect, plan, should, outlook, believe (and variations thereof) and phrases.

While these statements represent our current judgment on what the future may hold, and we believe these judgments are reasonable, these statements are not guarantees of any events or financial results, and our actual results may differ materially due to numerous important factors that are described in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, as updated by our subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K and the other documents incorporated by reference herein. See Documents Incorporated by Reference into this Prospectus and Where You Can Find More Information. Many of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions are beyond our control, and may cause our actual results and performance to differ materially from our expectations. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including those under Risk Factors in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein. Such forward-looking statements apply only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances that arise after the date the forward-looking statement is made.

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DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS

We file annual, quarterly and current reports and other information with the SEC. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#). The following documents are incorporated into this prospectus by reference:

Tenneco's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017;

The information incorporated by reference into Tenneco's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 from Tenneco's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 4, 2018;

Tenneco's Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than portions thereof furnished under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K, including any exhibits included with such items) dated February 9, 2018, March 2, 2018, April 10, 2018 and May 9, 2018;

The description of Tenneco's common stock, \$0.01 par value, contained in Tenneco's Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 1-12387) originally filed with the SEC on October 30, 1996, except as such description may be updated by the information contained under [Description of Common Stock](#) on page 3 of this prospectus; and

All documents filed by us under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the [Exchange Act](#)) (1) after the date of the filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and (2) until we have sold all of the common stock to which this prospectus relates or the offering is otherwise terminated (in each case, other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed, including the portions of the documents that are furnished under Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K, including any exhibits included with such items).

Any statement made in this prospectus, a prospectus supplement or a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus or a prospectus supplement will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in an amendment or subsequent amendment to this prospectus or an applicable prospectus supplement, in any subsequent applicable prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document incorporated by reference herein or therein adds, updates or changes that statement. Any statement so affected will not be deemed, except as so affected, to constitute a part of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement.

We undertake to provide without charge to you, upon oral or written request, a copy of any or all of the documents that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus, other than exhibits to such other documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference therein), by request directed to: Tenneco Inc., 500 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045, Attention: General Counsel, Phone: (847) 482-5000.

THE COMPANY

We are one of the world's leading manufacturers of clean air and ride performance products and systems for light vehicle, commercial truck and off-highway applications. We serve both original equipment (OE) vehicle designers and manufacturers and the repair and replacement markets, or aftermarket, globally through leading brands, including Monroe®, Rancho®, Clevite® Elastomers, Axios, Kinetic® and Fric-Rot® ride performance products and Walker®, XNOx®, Fonos, DynoMax® and Thrush® clean air products. We serve more than 80 different original equipment manufacturers and commercial truck and off-highway engine manufacturers, and our products are included on six of the top 10 car models produced for sale in Europe and nine of the top 10 light truck models produced for sale in North America for 2017. Our aftermarket customers are comprised of full-line and specialty warehouse distributors, retailers, jobbers, installer chains and car dealers. As of December 31, 2017, we operated 92 manufacturing facilities worldwide and employed approximately 32,000 people to service our customers' demands.

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On April 27, 2018, we announced a change in our financial reporting segments effective as of January 1, 2018. Beginning with our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2018, we will report our financial results in three segments, Clean Air, Ride Performance and Aftermarket. Such reporting change is not reflected for historical periods presented in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

We were incorporated in Delaware in 1996. In 2005, we changed our name from Tenneco Automotive Inc. to Tenneco Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 500 North Field Drive, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045. Our telephone number is (847) 482-5000 and our website can be accessed at www.tenneco.com. Information contained on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Prior to making a decision about investing in our common stock, you should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including the risk factors incorporated by reference from our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K, including any amendments to such reports. The risks and uncertainties described herein and therein are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also occur. The occurrence of any of those risks and uncertainties may materially adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or business. In that case, the price or value of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the net proceeds from the sale of the common stock offered hereby will be used for general corporate purposes. General corporate purposes may include, among other things, repayment of debt, repurchases of common stock, acquisitions, additions to working capital, capital expenditures, pension funding and funding and investments in our subsidiaries. Net proceeds may be temporarily invested prior to use.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following description of our common stock is a summary and is subject to the provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation (the Charter), our By-Laws, and the relevant provisions of the laws of the State of Delaware. The total number of shares of capital stock authorized by the Charter is 185,000,000, consisting of 135,000,000 shares of common stock and 50,000,000 shares of preferred stock. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each share on all matters on which the Company's stockholders generally are entitled to vote, and except as otherwise required by law or provided in any resolution adopted by our board of directors with respect to any series of preferred stock, the holders of common stock possess 100 percent of the voting power. Our Charter does not provide for cumulative voting. Subject to the preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock that may be created by our board of directors, the holders of common stock are entitled to such dividends as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors and paid from funds legally available therefor, and the holders of common stock will be entitled to receive pro rata all assets of our company available for distribution upon liquidation. No preemptive rights are applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Stock Exchange and trades under the symbol TEN. The declaration of dividends on our common stock is at the discretion of our board of directors. The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is EQ Shareowner Services.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the common stock offered hereby to one or more underwriters for public offering and sale by them or may sell such common stock to investors directly or through agents, which agents may be affiliated with us. Any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of the common stock offered hereby will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the common stock offered pursuant to this prospectus will be passed upon by Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Chicago, Illinois.

EXPERTS

The financial statements of Tenneco Inc. and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting (which is included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting) incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report (which contains an adverse opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting) of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Federal-Mogul LLC incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 9, 2018 have been so incorporated by reference in reliance upon the report of Grant Thornton LLP, independent certified public accountants, upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC under the Securities Act to register the common stock offered by means of this prospectus. This prospectus, which is a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information identified in the registration statement. For further information about us and our common stock offered by means of this prospectus, we refer you to the registration statement and the exhibits filed as a part of the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement are not necessarily complete. If a contract or document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, we refer you to the copy of the contract or document that has been filed.

We are subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In accordance with those requirements, we file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room at the following location:

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C., 20549

You can request copies of these documents upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference rooms and the procedure for

obtaining copies.

The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The documents that we file with the SEC, including the registration statement, are available to investors on this web site. You can log onto the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Certain information is also available on our website at <http://www.tenneco.com>.

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The following table sets forth the estimated expenses to be borne by us in connection with the issuance and distribution of the common stock registered hereby:

SEC registration fee	\$ (1)
Printing expenses	(1)
Legal fees and expenses	(1)
Accounting fees and expenses	(1)
Miscellaneous	(1)
Total	(1)

- (1) Because an indeterminate amount of common stock is covered by this registration statement, the expenses in connection with the issuance and distribution of common stock are not currently determinable. An estimate of the aggregate expenses in connection with each sale of common stock being offered will be included in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Item 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers*

The restated certificate of incorporation of Tenneco Inc. ("Tenneco") provides that a director of Tenneco will not be liable to Tenneco or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent that an exemption from liability or limitation of liability is not permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"). Based on the DGCL as presently in effect, a director of Tenneco will not be personally liable to Tenneco or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except: (1) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Tenneco or its stockholders; (2) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (3) under Section 174 of the DGCL; which concerns unlawful payments of dividends, stock purchases or redemptions; or (4) for any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

While these provisions give directors protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, they do not eliminate the duty. Accordingly, Tenneco's certificate of incorporation will have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as injunction or rescission based on a director's breach of his or her duty of care. The provisions of Tenneco's certificate of incorporation described above apply to an officer of Tenneco only if he or she is a director of Tenneco and is acting in his or her capacity as director. They do not apply to officers of Tenneco who are not directors.

Tenneco's by-laws include the following provisions:

Article IV, Section 14.

(1) The corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law as it presently exists or may hereafter be amended, any person (an Indemnitee) who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including appeals (a proceeding), by reason of the fact that he, or a person for whom he is the legal representative, is or was a director or officer of the corporation or, while a director or officer of the corporation is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, against all liability and loss suffered and expenses (including attorneys fees) reasonably incurred by such Indemnitee. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, except as

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otherwise provided in paragraph (3) of this Section 14, the corporation shall be required to indemnify an Indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) commenced by such Indemnitee only if the commencement of such proceeding (or part thereof) by the Indemnitee was authorized by the Board.

(2) The corporation shall pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an Indemnitee in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition, provided, however, that, to the extent required by law, such payment of expenses in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding shall be made only upon receipt of an undertaking by the Indemnitee to repay all amounts advanced if it should be ultimately determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section 14 or otherwise.

(3) If a claim for indemnification under this Section 14 (following the final disposition of such action, suit or proceeding) or if a claim for any advancement of expenses under this Section 14 is not paid in full within thirty days after a written claim therefor by the Indemnitee has been received by the corporation, the Indemnitee may file suit to recover the unpaid amount of such claim and, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid the expense of prosecuting such claim to the fullest extent permitted by law. In any such action the corporation shall have the burden of proving that the Indemnitee is not entitled to the requested indemnification or advancement of expenses under applicable law.

(4) The rights conferred on any Indemnitee by this Section 14 shall not be exclusive of any other rights which such Indemnitee may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

(5) The corporation's obligation, if any, to indemnify or to advance expenses to any Indemnitee who was or is serving at its request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or nonprofit entity shall be reduced by an amount such Indemnitee may collect as indemnification or advancement of expenses from such other corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, enterprise or nonprofit enterprise.

(6) Any right to indemnification or to advancement of expenses of any Indemnitee arising hereunder shall not be eliminated or impaired by an amendment to or repeal of these By-Laws after the occurrence of the act or omission that is the subject of the civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit or proceeding for which indemnification or advancement of expenses is sought.

(7) This Section 14 shall not limit the right of the corporation, to the extent and in the manner permitted by law, to indemnify and to advance expenses to persons other than Indemnitees when and as authorized by appropriate corporate action.

In addition, historically Tenneco's directors entered into separate contractual indemnity arrangements with Tenneco, but only one current director remains entitled to such arrangement. This arrangement provides for indemnification and the advancement of expenses to this director in certain circumstances and is subject to limitations substantially similar to those described above.

Tenneco has purchased insurance which purports to insure Tenneco against some of the costs of indemnification which may be incurred under the by-law section discussed above. The insurance also purports to insure the officers and directors of Tenneco and its subsidiaries against some liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their duties as officers and directors, except for liabilities resulting from their own malfeasance.

Section 145 of the DGCL authorizes a court to award, or a corporation's board of directors to grant, indemnity to directors, officers, employees and agents of the corporation under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations.

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Item 16. Exhibits

A list of exhibits filed with this registration statement is contained in the index to exhibits, which is incorporated by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(a) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after

effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates,

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and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions in this Item 15 or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
1.1*	Underwriting Agreement.
3.1(a)	<u>Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated December 11, 1996 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(a) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997).</u>
3.1(b)	<u>Certificate of Amendment, dated December 11, 1996 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(c) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997).</u>
3.1(c)	<u>Certificate of Ownership and Merger, dated July 8, 1997 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(d) of the registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997).</u>
3.1(d)	<u>Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(f) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999).</u>
3.1(e)	<u>Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(g) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999).</u>
3.1(f)	<u>Certificate of Ownership and Merger merging Tenneco Automotive Merger Sub Inc. with and into the registrant, dated November 5, 1999 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(h) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999).</u>
3.1(g)	<u>Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the registrant dated May 9, 2000 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1(i) of the registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000).</u>
3.1(h)	<u>Certificate of Ownership and Merger merging Tenneco Inc. with and into the registrant, dated October 27, 2005 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 28, 2005).</u>
3.2	<u>By-laws of the registrant, as amended October 11, 2016 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K event dated October 11, 2016).</u>
5.1	<u>Opinion of Kirkland & Ellis LLP as to the validity of the common stock being registered.</u>
23.1	<u>Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.</u>
23.2	<u>Consent of Grant Thornton LLP.</u>
23.3	<u>Consent of Kirkland & Ellis LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).</u>
24.1	<u>Powers of Attorney.</u>

* To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of securities registered hereby, as appropriate.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lake Forest, State of Illinois on the 9th day of May, 2018.

TENNECO INC.

By: /s/ Kenneth R. Trammell
 Kenneth R. Trammell
*Executive Vice President and Chief
 Financial Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 9th day of May 2018.

Signature	Position
/s/ Brian J. Kessler Brian J. Kessler	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Kenneth R. Trammell Kenneth R. Trammell	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
/s/ Paul D. Novas Paul D. Novas	Vice President and Interim Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)
* Gregg M. Sherrill	Executive Chairman and Director
* Thomas C. Freyman	Director
* Dennis J. Letham	Director
* 	Director

James S. Metcalf

* Director

Roger B. Porter

* Director

David B. Price, Jr.

* Director

Paul T. Stecko

* Director

Jane L. Warner

* Director

Roger J. Wood

* By: /s/ Brandon B. Smith
Brandon B. Smith, Attorney-in-fact