

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION INC

Form 8-K

October 14, 2005

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

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): October 14, 2005 (October 11, 2005)

Rockwell Automation, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

1-12383
(Commission
File Number)

25-1797617
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1400
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(414) 212-5299
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 2.03. **Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

On October 11, 2005, Rockwell Automation, Inc. ("Rockwell") issued unsecured commercial paper obligations in an aggregate principal amount of \$300 million with various maturities between 1 and 28 days. The weighted average interest rate of this issuance was 3.84% per annum. The commercial paper was offered and sold in privately negotiated transactions pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. Proceeds of the commercial paper were used to partially fund a voluntary contribution to Rockwell's U.S. qualified pension plan trust, which was made on October 11, 2005. As these obligations mature, Rockwell anticipates that it will issue additional short-term, unsecured commercial paper obligations to refinance all or part of the commercial paper borrowings detailed above.

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SIGNATURE

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.

ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, INC.
(Registrant)

By /s/ Douglas M. Hagerman

Douglas M. Hagerman
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
and Secretary

Date: October 14, 2005

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