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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d)

OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

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ArvinMeritor, Inc. Hourly Employees Savings Plan

(Full title of the plan)

ArvinMeritor, Inc.

2135 West Maple Road

Troy, Michigan 48084

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office)

**ARVINMERITOR, INC.
HOURLY EMPLOYEES SAVINGS PLAN**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To ArvinMeritor, Inc., Hourly Employees Savings Plan and Participants:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of ArvinMeritor, Inc. Hourly Employees Savings Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedules of (1) assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2004, and (2) transactions in excess of five percent of the current value of plan assets for the year ended December 31, 2004, are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. These schedules are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Such schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic 2004 financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Detroit, Michigan
June 29, 2005

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**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003**

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 51,908,468	\$ 52,122,117
Accrued receivables	35,426	
	<u>51,943,894</u>	<u>52,122,117</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	51,943,894	52,122,117
LIABILITIES - Accrued expenses	27,500	33,019
	<u>51,916,394</u>	<u>52,089,098</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$ 51,916,394	\$ 52,089,098

See accompanying notes to financial statements

**ARVINMERITOR, INC. HOURLY
EMPLOYEES SAVINGS PLAN**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

	<u>2004</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Employee contributions	\$ 2,799,149
Employer contributions	851,338
	<u>3,650,487</u>
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	1,419,248
Dividends and interest	1,371,622
Net transfers	1,002,478
	<u>7,443,835</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Benefits paid to participants	(7,551,708)
Administrative expenses	(64,831)
	<u>(7,616,539)</u>
Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(172,704)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, beginning of year	\$ 52,089,098
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS, end of year	\$ 51,916,394

See accompanying notes to financial statements

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following general description of the ArvinMeritor, Inc., Hourly Employees Savings Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan document for complete information.

General The Plan is a defined contribution retirement savings plan covering all eligible hourly employees of ArvinMeritor, Inc (the Company). The Plan is administered by the Company's Employee Benefit Plan Committee and the Plan Administrator. The trustee for the Plan assets is T. Rowe Price Trust Company. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

The employer matching account held under the Plan is an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP). As a result, when participants accounts receive cash dividends on ArvinMeritor stock they have the option of reinvesting the dividend in ArvinMeritor stock or receiving the dividend as a cash distribution. In addition the ESOP allows participants who have attained either age 55 with 10 years of vesting service or age 60, the right to transfer funds out of Company stock and into one of the other investment options under the Plan.

The Plan allows participants who are over age 50 by the end of the plan year to make additional pre-tax contributions up to the limits prescribed under recent changes to the Internal Revenue Code.

On April 1, 2003, total assets of \$1,756,959 related to Roll Coater Retirement and Savings Plan for Bargaining Unit Associates were transferred into the Plan, in connection with a merger of the plans.

Effective May 1, 2003, hourly employees of the Kenton, Ohio facility became eligible for participation in the Plan.

Contributions and Vesting Eligible employees may elect to contribute up to 20% of pay, both before and after tax or a combination of both. The participants are immediately eligible for company matching contributions. Matching contributions and participant contributions are immediately vested. The Company's match calculation varies by location within the Plan. All Company match contributions are payable in Company stock, except for a non-consolidated joint venture whereby the contribution match for employees is made in cash (see Note 7. Subsequent Event for information on recent changes to investment options for Company matching contributions).

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Plan Withdrawals Amounts contributed may be withdrawn by, or distributed to, a participant only upon (1) termination of employment or (2) attaining the age of 59 ½. Pre-tax withdrawals prior to attaining age 59 ½ are not permitted except in the event of retirement, disability or as a hardship distribution. Certain income tax penalties may apply to withdrawals or distributions prior to age 59 ½.

Transfers The Plan allows for transfers for employees changing status between hourly and salary to move invested assets to the Plan that correlates to their current status.

Payment of Benefits On termination of service due to death, disability, retirement or other reasons, a participant would generally receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account as a lump-sum distribution.

Loans to Participants A participant may obtain a loan in an amount as defined by the Plan document (not less than \$1,000 and not greater than the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of the participant's vested account balance) from the balance of his/her account. Interest is charged at a rate that is comparable to rates charged by commercial lending institutions. The loans are repaid through payroll deductions over periods not to exceed 60 months unless for the purchase of a primary residence. Payments of principal and interest are reinvested into the participants' current investment options. Participants may have only one outstanding loan at a time.

Participant Accounts Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and an allocation of the Company's contribution and Plan earnings and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on a participant's earnings or account balances as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Plan Termination Although the Company has not expressed any intent to terminate the Plan, it reserves the right to do so at any time.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Investment Valuation Investments, other than benefit-responsive investment contracts, are stated at fair value as measured by readily available market prices. The T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund is comprised of individual investment contracts, including synthetic investment contracts, and is stated at contract value. The investment contracts are nontransferable, but provide for benefit-responsive withdrawals by plan participants at contract value. Benefit-responsive withdrawals are provided on a proportional basis by the issuers of the investment contracts. The trustee's valuation committee primarily considers factors such as the benefit responsiveness of the investment contract and the ability of the parties to the investment contract to perform in accordance with the terms of the contract. Generally, contract value approximates fair value (contributions made plus interest accrued at the contract rate, less withdrawals and fees). If, however, an event has occurred that may impair the ability of the contract issuer to perform in accordance with the contract terms, fair value may be less than contract value.

Security Transactions and Investment Income Purchases and sales of securities are reported on trade date basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

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Plan Expenses Administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by either the Company or the Plan, as provided by the Plan document.

Benefit Payments Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Market Risk The Plan utilizes various investments, which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, foreign currency, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

3. INVESTMENTS

The following presents investments that represent 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits:

	December 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
Mutual Funds:		
T. Rowe Price Balanced Fund	\$ 4,808,445	\$ 4,874,270
Common Stock:		
ArvinMeritor*	5,964,430	6,204,616
ArvinMeritor	873,494	764,641
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust Fund - at contract value	21,292,272	22,695,715
T. Rowe Price Equity Index Trust Fund	9,627,971	10,141,694

* Nonparticipant - directed as of December 31, 2004 and 2003 (see Note 7. Subsequent Event for information on recent changes to this provision of the Plan).

During 2004, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2004
Mutual Funds	\$ 1,895,312
Common Stock	(476,064)
Net appreciation	\$ 1,419,248

4. NONPARTICIPANT DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

Information about the net assets available for benefits and the significant components of the changes in net assets available for benefits relating to the nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

	<u>2004</u>
Net assets - ArvinMeritor Common Stock Fund - December 31, 2003	\$ 6,204,616
Changes in net assets available for benefits:	
Employer contributions	699,390
Net depreciation	(426,249)
Dividends	106,068
Benefits paid to participants or beneficiaries	(810,445)
Other - exchanges out and fees	191,050
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Net decrease in net assets available for benefits	(240,186)
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Net assets - ArvinMeritor Common Stock Fund - December 31, 2004	\$ 5,964,430
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See Note 7. Subsequent Event for information on recent changes to investment options for Company matching contributions.

5. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service determined and informed the Company by a letter dated July 15, 2002, that the Plan was designed in accordance with applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the plan administrator and the Plan s tax counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan s financial statements.

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Plan investments are shares of mutual funds managed by T. Rowe Price. T. Rowe Price is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan paid T. Rowe Price trustee, administrative and other fees of \$36,535 during the Plan year ended December 31, 2004.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Effective June 1, 2005, the Plan was amended to remove restrictions on investment of Company matched contributions. Participants may now elect to diversify into other investment funds all or any portion of Company stock received prior to June 1, 2005 as a Company match. Subsequent to June 1, 2005, Company matched contributions are no longer required to be invested in ArvinMeritor, Inc., stock. Instead, the Company match is invested according to the investment mix participants have elected for their own contributions.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value
* T. Rowe Price Franklin	Stable Value Common Trust Fund	\$ 21,292,272
* T. Rowe Price	Small-Cap Stock Fund	1,412,974
* T. Rowe Price	Equity Index Trust Fund	9,627,971
* T. Rowe Price	International Stock Fund	783,415
* T. Rowe Price	Growth and Income Fund	1,729,736
* T. Rowe Price	Mid-Cap Growth Fund	1,377,219
Janus Fund	Large-Cap Growth Fund	1,135,150
Pimco	U.S. Treasury Intermediate Fund	1,061,643
* T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2010 Fund	204,619
* T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2020 Fund	207,679
* T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2030 Fund	205,340
* T. Rowe Price	Retirement 2040 Fund	114,357
* T. Rowe Price	Retirement Income Fund	37,714
	Cash	159
* T. Rowe Price	Balanced Fund	4,808,445
* ArvinMeritor	ArvinMeritor Stock	6,837,924
* Participant loans	Rates ranging from 6.5% to 10.5%, maturities up to 60 months	1,071,851
		<u>\$ 51,908,468</u>

* Party in interest.

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**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4J SCHEDULE OF REPORTABLE TRANSACTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

Series of transactions, when aggregated, involving an amount in excess of 5% of beginning plan net assets.

(a) Identity of Party Involved	(b) Description of Asset	(c) Purchase Price	(d) Selling Price	(g) Cost of Asset	(h) Current Value of Asset on Transaction Date	(i) Loss
T. Rowe Price	Stable Value Common Trust Fund	\$ 2,347,044	\$	\$ 2,347,044	\$ 2,347,044	\$
T. Rowe Price	Stable Value Common Trust Fund	\$	\$ 3,815,723	\$ 3,815,723	\$ 3,815,723	\$
T. Rowe Price	Equity Index Trust Fund	\$ 1,046,350	\$	\$ 1,046,350	\$ 1,046,350	\$
T. Rowe Price	Equity Index Trust Fund	\$	\$ 2,610,179	\$ 2,680,706	\$ 2,610,179	\$ (70,527)
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SIGNATURES

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrator has duly caused this annual report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

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By: /s/ Richard D. Greb, Plan Administrator
Richard D. Greb, Plan Administrator

June 29, 2005

EXHIBIT

EX NO.	DESCRIPTION
23	CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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