

STONERIDGE INC  
Form 8-K  
December 12, 2018

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 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): December 6, 2018

**Commission file number: 001-13337**

**STONERIDGE, INC.**

*(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)*

**Ohio**

*(State or other jurisdiction of*

*incorporation or organization)*

**34-1598949**

*(I.R.S. Employer*

*Identification No.)*

**39675 MacKenzie Drive, Suite 400, Novi, Michigan 48377**

*(Address of principal executive offices)*

*(Zip Code)*

**(248) 489-9300**

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On December 6, 2018, Stoneridge Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an agreement to make a \$10 million investment in a fund managed by Autotech Ventures (“Autotech”), a venture capital firm focused on ground transportation technology. The Company’s \$10 million investment in the Autotech fund will be contributed over the expected ten year life of the fund. A copy of the Company’s press release announcing its investment with Autotech is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated December 12, 2018, announcing investment in Autotech Ventures’ fund.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**Stoneridge, Inc.**

Date: December 12, 2018 /s/Robert R. Krakowiak  
Robert R. Krakowiak, Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

(Principal Financial Officer)