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 Form 424B3  
 August 17, 2004

File No. 333-109287

U.S.\$15,000,000,000  
 GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION  
 SMARTNOTES (SM)

DUE FROM NINE MONTHS TO THIRTY YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE

Unless otherwise specified in an applicable pricing supplement, the SmartNotes will not be listed on any securities exchange, and there can be no assurance that the SmartNotes offered will be sold or that there will be a secondary market for the SmartNotes.

The Agents have advised us that they may from time to time purchase and sell SmartNotes in the secondary market, but the Agents are not obligated to do so. No termination date for the offering of the SmartNotes has been established.

Pricing Supplement No. 42  
 (To Prospectus dated October 24, 2003)

Trade Date: 08/19/2004  
 Issue Date: 08/24/2004

The date of this Pricing Supplement is August 19, 2004

| CUSIP<br>or<br>Common Code | Stated<br>Interest<br>Rate | Maturity   | Price to<br>Public (1) | Selling<br>Concession |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 3704A 0PU0                 | 2.600%                     | 02/15/2006 | 100%                   | 0.1250%               |
| 3704A 0PV8                 | 3.350%                     | 08/15/2006 | 100%                   | 0.3000%               |
| 3704A 0PW6                 | 3.850%                     | 08/15/2007 | 100%                   | 0.4500%               |
| 3704A 0PX4                 | 5.100%                     | 08/15/2009 | 100%                   | 0.7500%               |
| 3704A 0PY2                 | Float (2)                  | 08/15/2011 | 100%                   | 1.0000%               |
| 3704A 0PZ9                 | Step (3)                   | 08/15/2016 | 100%                   | 1.4000%               |
| 3704A 0QA3                 | 6.150%                     | 08/15/2019 | 100%                   | 1.6000%               |

| Payment<br>Frequency | Survivor's<br>Option | Subject to Redemption<br>Yes/No | Date and terms of redemption                                     |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Monthly              | Yes                  | No                              |  |
| Quarterly            | Yes                  | No                              |  |
| Monthly              | Yes                  | No                              |  |
| Semi-Annual          | Yes                  | No                              |  |
| Quarterly            | Yes                  | No                              |  |
| Semi-Annual          | Yes                  | Yes                             | Callable at 100% on 08/15/2007 and every coupon date thereafter. |
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(1) Actual Price to Public may be less, and will be determined by prevailing market prices at the time of purchase as set forth in the confirmation sheet.

(2) 3704A0PY2: 3-Month T-Bills + 200 bps, reset quarterly, No Cap

(3) 3704A0PZ9: 5.00% for 3 yrs., 6.75% thereafter

The co-agent name Edward Jones & Co., L.P. on the prospectus dated October 24, 2003 should read Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.

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| Public Offering Price .....  | 100.00%       | \$15,000,000,000                  |
| Agents' Discounts<br>and Concessions .....   | .20%-2.50%    | \$30,000,000-\$375,000,000        |
| Proceeds, before<br>expenses, to General<br>Motors Acceptance<br>Corporation ..... | 97.50%-99.80% | \$14,625,000,000-\$14,970,000,000 |

(SM) Service Mark of General Motors Acceptance Corporation

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ABN AMRO FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
A.G. EDWARDS & SONS, INC.  
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.  
CITIGROUP  
EDWARD D. JONES & CO., L.P.  
FIDELITY CAPITAL MARKETS  
a division of National Financial Services LLC  
MERRILL LYNCH & CO.  
MORGAN STANLEY  
UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.  
WACHOVIA SECURITIES LLC

October 24, 2003