

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC
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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HOWARD ROBERT E II

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC [GPI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
950 ECHO LANE, SUITE 100

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				(A) or (D)	Amount or Price			
Common Stock	03/06/2006		A		1,545	A	\$ 0 1,018,330	D
Common Stock	02/24/2006		J		67,765	D	\$ 0 1,016,785	D
Common Stock	02/24/2006		J		67,765	A	\$ 0 103,765	I
Common Stock								By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								By Howard Investments, LLC
								666,000 I
								114,000 I

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- (2) Howard Investments, LLC is the sole limited partner of Texas Automotive Holdings, LP and the sole member of Texas Automotive Holdings-GP, LLC, its sole general partner.

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