

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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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)  
**03/08/2006**

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

**HOUSTON, TX 77024**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or 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)	Price		
Common Stock					1,018,330	D	
Common Stock					666,000	I	By Howard Investments, LLC
Common Stock					114,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006		S	100	D \$ 39.37	70,665	I By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.35	70,565	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.31	70,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.3	69,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 39.29	68,465	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.27	68,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.26	68,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.25	67,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.24	67,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 39.23	66,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 39.22	66,765	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.21	66,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 39.2	66,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.19	65,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	500	D	\$ 39.18	65,465	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.17	64,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas,

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Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	600	D	\$ 39.15	64,265	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.14	63,965	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.13	63,665	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.12	63,365	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.11	63,265	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	800	D	\$ 39.09	62,465	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 39.08	62,265	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	100	D	\$ 39.06	62,165	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	200	D	\$ 39.05	61,965	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	400	D	\$ 39.04	61,565	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	03/08/2006	S	300	D	\$ 39.03	61,265	I	LP <sup>(1)</sup>	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

