

HOWARD ROBERT E II  
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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)

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

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

950 ECHO LANE, SUITE 100

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(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 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)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 809,080   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 430,000   | I  | By Howard Investments, LLC                            |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 35,715  | I  | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(2)</sup>       |
| Common Stock                    | 09/26/2006                           |  | S                              | 600   | D \$ 49.5   | I  | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>       |

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|              |            |   |       |   |          |        |   |   |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|----------|--------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 2,750 | D | \$ 49.29 | 46,650 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 49.28 | 46,550 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 450   | D | \$ 49.27 | 46,100 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 50    | D | \$ 49.24 | 46,050 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 100   | D | \$ 49.21 | 45,950 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 50    | D | \$ 49.2  | 45,900 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 300   | D | \$ 49.18 | 45,600 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 50    | D | \$ 49.14 | 45,550 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 200   | D | \$ 49.12 | 45,350 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 250   | D | \$ 49.1  | 45,100 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 250   | D | \$ 49.09 | 44,850 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 350   | D | \$ 49.08 | 44,500 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 49.07 | 43,300 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 1,200 | D | \$ 49.06 | 42,100 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S | 350   | D | \$ 49.05 | 41,750 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |

| Security     | Date       | Type | Quantity | Price    | Value  | Code | Holder   |
|--------------|------------|------|----------|----------|--------|------|--|
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S    | 100      | \$ 49.03 | 41,650 | I    | Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup><br>By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S    | 950      | \$ 49.02 | 40,700 | I    | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S    | 1,700    | \$ 49.01 | 39,000 | I    | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>                                |
| Common Stock | 09/26/2006 | S    | 7,050    | \$ 49    | 31,950 | I    | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>                                |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOWARD ROBERT E II<br>950 ECHO LANE<br>SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77024 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,  
Robert E.

09/27/2006

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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.
- (2) Mr. Howard is the sole limited partner of Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP and the sole member of Automotive Holdings-Texas-GP, LLC, its sole general partner.

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