

HOWARD ROBERT E II

Form 4

May 05, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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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)

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/04/2006

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

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

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

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)
Common Stock	05/04/2006		G V	Amount <u>1,000</u> (1)	D \$ 0	917,330	D
Common Stock	05/04/2006		G V	Amount <u>8,250</u> (2)	D \$ 0	909,080	D
Common Stock	05/04/2006		S	3,600	D \$ 60.58	4,665	I By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (3)
Common Stock	05/04/2006		S	200	D \$ 60.45	4,465	I By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (3)
	05/04/2006		S	600	D \$ 60.4	3,865	I

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Common
Stock

By Automotive
Holdings-Texas,
LP ⁽³⁾

Common
Stock

05/04/2006

S

100

D

\$
60.38

3.765

I

By Automotive
Holdings-Texas,
LP ⁽³⁾

Common
Stock

530,000

I

By Howard
Investments,
LLC

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)

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 Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWARD ROBERT E II
950 ECHO LANE
SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TX 77024

X

Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,
Robert E.

05/04/2006

Date _____

__Signature of Reporting
Person

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) Shares are a gift to Wichita Falls Christian School.
- (2) Shares are a gift to Heritage Hall School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- (3) 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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