

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)  
 09/27/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	200	D	\$ 50.04	18,400	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	150	D	\$ 49.99	18,250	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	500	D	\$ 49.98	17,750	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	1,500	D	\$ 49.95	16,250	I	By Texas Automotive

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Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	250	D	\$ 49.94	16,000	I	Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup> By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	700	D	\$ 49.93	15,300	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	50	D	\$ 49.92	15,250	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.91	14,450	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	7,200	D	\$ 49.9	7,250	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	350	D	\$ 49.89	6,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 49.88	6,400	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.87	5,800	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 49.86	5,600	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	650	D	\$ 49.85	4,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 49.84	4,750	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	300	D	\$ 49.82	4,450	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	250	D	\$ 49.8	4,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	100	D	\$ 49.79	4,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>

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Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 49.7	3,600	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 49.4	1,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.34	300	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	300	D	\$ 49.33	0	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock						809,080	D	
Common Stock						21,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock						430,000	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 Beneficially Owned (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 950 ECHO LANE SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77024	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Howard, II, Robert E.	09/28/2006
**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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