

AUTONATION, INC.
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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 *
FERRANDO JONATHAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/04/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
 (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) |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/04/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 A | \$ 19.21 48,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/04/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 14,000 D | \$ 40.79 34,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/06/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 A | \$ 19.21 49,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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value
\$0.01 per
share

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

09/06/2012

S⁽¹⁾

14,000 D

\$
41.79

35,000 ⁽²⁾

D

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

1,767

I

By 401(k)
Plan

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.21 | 09/04/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 | ⁽³⁾ 07/30/2017 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 15,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 41.16 | 09/04/2012 | | A | 30,270 | ⁽⁴⁾ 03/01/2022 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 30,270 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.21 | 09/06/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 15,000 | ⁽³⁾ 07/30/2017 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 15,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERRANDO JONATHAN P 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | | | EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P.
Ferrando

09/06/2012

**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) Transaction completed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 9, 2012.
- (2) Includes 33,000 shares owned by the reporting person and his wife as tenants by the entirety.
- (3) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of July 30, 2007.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2012, subject to continuous employment with the Company.

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