

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2006

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

950 ECHO LANE, SUITE 100

(Street)

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

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | S | 100 D \$ 39.02 | 61,165 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | S | 1,000 D \$ 39.01 | 60,165 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | S | 300 D \$ 39 | 59,865 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | | S | 200 D \$ 38.99 | 59,665 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|--------|---|--|
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.98 | 59,465 | I | LP ⁽¹⁾ By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 38.97 | 58,965 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 900 | D | \$ 38.96 | 58,065 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 500 | D | \$ 38.95 | 57,565 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 38.92 | 56,765 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.91 | 56,565 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 300 | D | \$ 38.9 | 56,265 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 600 | D | \$ 38.89 | 55,665 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.87 | 55,565 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 800 | D | \$ 38.85 | 54,765 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.84 | 54,665 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.83 | 54,465 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.82 | 54,265 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.8 | 54,165 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |

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|--------------|------------|---|-----|---|----------|-----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.79 | 54,065 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 200 | D | \$ 38.78 | 53,865 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2006 | S | 100 | D | \$ 38.76 | 53,765 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾ |
| 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 ⁽²⁾ |

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 Following Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | 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

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Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,
Robert E.

03/09/2006

__Signature of Reporting
Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- (1) 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.
- (2) 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.

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