

HESTERBERG EARL J

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
HESTERBERG EARL J

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)  
800 GESSNER, SUITE 500  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/22/2017

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

HOUSTON, TX 77024

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2017                           |  | S                              | 8,796 D   | \$ 74.304<br>(1) 165,010.17   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 12/22/2017                           |  | S                              | 1,844 D   | \$ 75.0642<br>(2) 163,166.17  | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,500   | I  | BH 2016 Irrevocable Trust                             |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 14,600  | I  | Susan Hesterberg, Trustee of                          |

|              |  |  |  |  |         |   |   |
|--------------|--|--|--|--|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  | 14,600  | I | Irrevocable Trust B<br>Susan Hesterberg, Trustee of Irrevocable Trust J |
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  | 14,600  | I | Susan Hesterberg, Trustee of Irrevocable Trust M                        |
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  | 215,942 | I | Hesterberg Management Trust   |
| Common Stock |  |  |  |  | 7,500   | I | MH 2016 Irrevocable Trust   |

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 Reported 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

HESTERBERG EARL J  
800 GESSNER  
SUITE 500  
HOUSTON, TX 77024

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President & CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Beth Sibley, attorney-in-fact for Earl J.  
Hesterberg

12/22/2017

\_\_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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$73.90 to \$74.80, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Group 1 Automotive, Inc., any security holder of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 1 to this Form 4.

(2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$75.01 to \$75.50, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Group 1 Automotive, Inc., any security holder of Group 1 Automotive, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote 2 to this Form 4.

(3) Includes shares purchased in the Group 1 Automotive, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan. The plan provides for a stock purchase discount of 15%, and is calculated using the stock closing price of the first or last day of the quarter, whichever is lower.

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