

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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

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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 \*  
 TURNER JOHN T

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)  
 02/27/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Executive Vice President

HOUSTON, TX 77024  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/27/2006		M		26,700	A	\$ 12
Common Stock	02/27/2006		S		5,000	D	\$ 38.5
Common Stock	02/27/2006		S		500	D	\$ 38.51
Common Stock	02/27/2006		S		1,400	D	\$ 38.52
Common Stock	02/27/2006		S		300	D	\$ 38.53

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Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	600	D	\$ 38.54	231,112	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	100	D	\$ 38.55	231,012	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 38.57	230,512	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	900	D	\$ 38.58	229,612	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 38.6	229,412	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	400	D	\$ 38.64	229,012	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	1,800	D	\$ 38.65	227,212	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	900	A	\$ 38.66	228,112	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	700	D	\$ 38.67	227,412	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	700	D	\$ 38.68	226,712	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	300	D	\$ 38.69	226,412	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	700	D	\$ 38.7	225,712	D
Common Stock	02/27/2006	S	600	D	\$ 38.71	225,112	D

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)		Title

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					Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - Right to Buy	\$ 12	02/27/2006	M	26,700	(1)	10/29/2007	Common Stock	26,700

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TURNER JOHN T 950 ECHO LANE SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77024			Executive Vice President	

## Signatures

/s/ Turner, John  
T. 02/27/2006

\_\_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) The options vest annually in 16.7% increments.

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