

HOWARD ROBERT E II  
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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)  
05/04/2006

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

HOUSTON, TX 77024

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2006                           |  | G                              | V <u>1,000</u> <sup>(1)</sup>                                     | D \$ 0  | 917,330  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2006                           |  | G                              | V <u>8,250</u> <sup>(2)</sup>                                     | D \$ 0  | 909,080  | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2006                           |  | S                              | 3,600   | D \$ 60.58  | 4,665  | I   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(3)</sup>       |
| Common Stock                    | 05/04/2006                           |  | S                              | 200   | D \$ 60.45  | 4,465  | I   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(3)</sup>       |
|                                 | 05/04/2006                           |  | S                              | 600   | D \$ 60.4   | 3,865  | I   |

|              |            |  |   |     |   |          |         |   |   |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-----|---|----------|---------|---|---|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |     |   |          |         |   | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock | 05/04/2006 |  | S | 100 | D | \$ 60.38 | 3,765   | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <sup>(3)</sup> |
| Common Stock |            |  |   |     |   |          | 530,000 | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| HOWARD ROBERT E II<br>950 ECHO LANE<br>SUITE 100<br>HOUSTON, TX 77024 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,  
Robert E. 05/04/2006  
Date

\_\_Signature of Reporting  
Person

## 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) Shares are a gift to Wichita Falls Christian School.
- (2) Shares are a gift to Heritage Hall School, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- (3) 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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