

GRUSKY ROBERT R
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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 *
GRUSKY ROBERT R

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)
12/10/2012

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 | (D) | Price |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/10/2012 | | M | | 23,134 | A | \$ 20.78 |
| | | | | | 29,584 | (1) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 12/10/2012 | | S | | 23,134 | D | \$ 39.5606 |
| | | | | | 6,450 | (1) | |
| | | | | | | (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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 20.78 | 12/10/2012 | | M | 23,134 | 05/09/2007 05/09/2017 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 23,134 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| GRUSKY ROBERT R 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | | X | | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,
Attorney-in-Fact
Date: 12/12/2012

**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) The reporting person ("Mr. Grusky") is a limited partner in ESL Partners, L.P. ("ESL Partners"), which together with various of its affiliates owns common stock of the issuer. As a limited partner, Mr. Grusky is not deemed to have a reportable interest in common stock of the issuer held by ESL Partners, and Mr. Grusky disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of the issuer held by ESL Partners, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$39.53 to \$39.58. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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