

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4

March 17, 2006

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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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)

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2006

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

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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					1,018,330	D	
Common Stock					666,000	I	By Howard Investments, LLC
Common Stock					114,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006		S		200	D	\$ 42.23
					39,465	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾

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Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 42.2	38,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.21	37,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,900	D	\$ 42.2	35,765	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 42.19	34,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.18	33,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,100	D	\$ 42.16	32,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	200	D	\$ 42.15	32,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	500	D	\$ 42.14	32,165	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	800	D	\$ 42.13	31,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 42.12	29,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	900	D	\$ 42.11	28,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	3,500	D	\$ 42.1	25,465	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 42.09	24,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 42.08	23,565	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 42.07	21,965	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas,

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								LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,600	D	\$ 42.06	20,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	7,500	D	\$ 42.05	12,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 42.04	11,565	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,700	D	\$ 42.03	9,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 42.02	8,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 42.01	7,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 42	5,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	100	D	\$ 41.99	5,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	700	D	\$ 41.98	4,565	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	300	D	\$ 41.97	4,265	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	03/16/2006	S	500	D	\$ 41.96	3,765	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP ⁽¹⁾

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)

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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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr		
				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		X		

Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,
Robert E. 03/17/2006

**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) 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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