#### HOWARD ROBERT E II

Form 4

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

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

\_X\_ Director

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**SECURITIES** Form 5 obligations may continue.

(Middle)

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

**GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC** 

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Symbol

[GPI]

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

**HOWARD ROBERT E II** 

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

(First)

950 ECHC	`	(Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2006					Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
			mendment, Ionth/Day/Y	_	inal		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON, TX 77024										
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									eficially Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securion(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	ed of (D)	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			Couc ,	rinount	(2)	11100	609,080	D		
Common Stock							230,000	I	By Howard Investments, LLC	
Common Stock							159,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (2)	
Common Stock	11/01/2006		S	200	D	\$ 56.47	199,800	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)	

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Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	300	D	\$ 56.46	199,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 56.45	199,450	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	150	D	\$ 56.44	199,300	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	300	D	\$ 56.43	199,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 56.42	198,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	800	D	\$ 56.41	198,150	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 56.4	196,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.84	196,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.81	196,850	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.75	196,800	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	350	D	\$ 55.72	196,450	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	100	D	\$ 55.7	196,350	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	400	D	\$ 55.69	195,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	100	D	\$ 55.68	195,850	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.64	195,800	I	By Texas Automotive

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								Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.63	195,750	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.62	195,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.61	195,650	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.6	195,600	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.55	195,550	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.52	195,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	200	D	\$ 55.51	195,300	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	200	D	\$ 55.5	195,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.47	195,050	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	100	D	\$ 55.39	194,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	11/01/2006	S	50	D	\$ 55.38	194,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)

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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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	. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5.	6. Date Exerc		7. Title and	8. Price of	9. Nu Derix
5	Derivative Security Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	s I		Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
					Code V	<i></i>	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amour or Number of	er	

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
HOWARD ROBERT E II								
950 ECHO LANE	X							
SUITE 100	Λ							
HOUSTON, TX 77024								

### **Signatures**

/s/ Howard, II,

Robert E. 11/03/2006

\*\*Signature of Reporting 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) 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.
- (2) 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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