Rickel John C Form 4 November 21, 2008

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Rickel John C Issuer Symbol **GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC** (Check all applicable) [GPI] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 800 GESSNER, SUITE 500 11/21/2008 SVP & CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

HOUSTON, TX 77024

(State)

Person (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 11/21/2008 P 1,000 Α \$6 134,824.08 (1) D Stock

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			ate	7. Title Amoun Under	int of lying ities	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene
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					of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)						(Instr
					4, and 3)				Amount		
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	or Number of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Rickel John C 800 GESSNER SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77024

SVP & CFO

## **Signatures**

Reporting Person

/s/ Rickel, John C. 11/21/2008

# **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) Includes shares acquired as a result of an Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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