GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4

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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) 950 ECHO LA	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/27/2006	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
HOUSTON, TX 77024				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State) 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d 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	09/27/2006		S	200	D	\$ 50.04	35,515	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	150	D	\$ 49.99	35,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	500	D	\$ 49.98	34,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006		S	1,500	D	\$ 49.95	33,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas,

								LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	250	D	\$ 49.94	33,115	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	700	D	\$ 49.93	32,415	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	50	D	\$ 49.92	32,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.91	31,565	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	7,200	D	\$ 49.9	24,365	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	350	D	\$ 49.89	24,015	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	500	D	\$ 49.88	23,515	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	600	D	\$ 49.87	22,915	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 49.86	22,715	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	650	D	\$ 49.85	22,065	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 49.84	21,865	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	5,000	D	\$ 49.31	8,350	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	2,400	D	\$ 49.3	5,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 49.27	2,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)

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Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	200	D	\$ 49.13	2,750	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	800	D	\$ 49.1	1,950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 49.07	950	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	09/27/2006	S	950	D	\$ 49	0	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock						809,080	D	
Common Stock						430,000	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	ç
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Reporting Owners

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HOWARD ROBERT E II 950 ECHO LANE SUITE 100 HOUSTON, TX 77024

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Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,

Robert E. 09/28/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date

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) 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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