

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC
 Form 4
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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 *
 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/28/2005

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

HOUSTON, TX 77024

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 or 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 or Price | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 09/28/2005 | | J | | 114,000 <u>(1)</u> | D | \$ 0 | 666,000 | I | By Howard Investments, LLC |
| Common Stock | 09/28/2005 | | J | | 114,000 <u>(1)</u> | A | \$ 0 | 114,000 | I | By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP <u>(1)</u> |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,084,550 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 86,000 | I | By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP <u>(2)</u> |

