

AUTONATION, 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 \*  
**BROWN ROBERT J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600  
(Street)

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2011

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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  
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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount                            | (D) | Price |

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 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. D S (I) |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------|
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| Derivative Security                  |         |            |  | (A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) |       | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------------|--|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
|                                      |         |            |  | Code  | V     |                     |                    |                 |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) | \$ 32.5 | 03/01/2011 |  | A <sup>(1)</sup>  | 5,000 | 03/01/2011          | 03/01/2021         | Common<br>Stock | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BROWN ROBERT J<br>200 SW 1ST AVE<br>SUITE 1600<br>FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

03/03/2011  
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) The stock option has been granted pursuant to the AutoNation, Inc. 2007 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended.

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