GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

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1(b).

(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) 950 ECHO L	(First) ANE, SUITE	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/11/2005	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)			
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(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securition(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	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	08/11/2005		S	5,900	D	\$ 31	147,800	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	1,600	D	\$ 30.87	146,200	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	1,200	D	\$ 30.86	145,000	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP			
Common Stock	08/11/2005		S	1,900	D	\$ 30.84	143,100	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas,			

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								LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	1,400	D	\$ 30.83	141,700	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	21,500	D	\$ 30.75	120,200	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	11,200	D	\$ 30.74	109,000	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	1,900	D	\$ 30.72	107,100	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	1,800	D	\$ 30.7	105,300	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP
Common Stock	08/11/2005	S	19,300	D	\$ 30.66	86,000	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (1)
Common Stock						1,085,502	D	
Common Stock						780,000	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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (Instr. 8	of Sec (A) Dis of (In	rivative curities quired) or sposed	5	ate	Amor Unde Secur	tle and unt of rrlying rities (, 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code '	V (A)) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number		

of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWARD ROBERT E II

950 ECHO LANE
SUITE 100
HOUSTON, TX 77024

Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,

Robert E. 08/12/2005

**Signature of Reporting Person 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) 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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