HOWARD ROBERT E II

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Symbol

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HOWARD ROBERT E II

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(First)

950 ECHO LANE, SUITE 100			h/Day/Year) 5/2006)			below) below)				
HOUSTO	If Amendment, Date Original led(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	4. Secur on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	ed 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							530,000	I	By Howard Investments, LLC		
Common Stock							62,665	I	By Automotive Holdings-Texas, LP (2)		
Common Stock	05/03/2006		S	1,600	D	\$ 60.95	32,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)		

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Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,900	D	\$ 60.94	30,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,400	D	\$ 60.93	28,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,800	D	\$ 60.92	26,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 60.91	25,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	600	D	\$ 60.9	25,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	900	D	\$ 60.89	24,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.88	24,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	300	D	\$ 60.87	23,800	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	600	D	\$ 60.86	23,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	100	D	\$ 60.85	23,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	900	D	\$ 60.84	22,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	2,500	D	\$ 60.83	19,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	3,600	D	\$ 60.82	16,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,900	D	\$ 60.81	14,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	4,400	D	\$ 60.8	9,800	I	By Texas Automotive

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								Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 60.79	8,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 60.78	7,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	800	D	\$ 60.77	6,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	700	D	\$ 60.76	5,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 60.75	2,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	300	D	\$ 60.74	2,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,000	D	\$ 60.73	1,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,200	D	\$ 60.71	0	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (1)

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) 1. Title of Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,	5	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
		Code V	4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amount	

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Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

/s/ Howard, II,

Robert E. 05/04/2006

**Signature of Reporting Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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.
- (2) 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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