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1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC [GPI] À DeLongchamps Peter C (Month/Day/Year) 08/17/2011 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 800 GESSNER, SUITE 500 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) HOUSTON, TXÂ 77024 Form filed by More than One VP, Manufacturer Relations Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 67,095.35 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)	ate	3. Title and Securities U Derivative S (Instr. 4)	Inderlying	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
DeLongchamps Peter C 800 GESSNER, SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77024	Â	Â	VP, Manufacturer Relations	Â		

Signatures

/s/Peter C.
DeLongchamps
08/22/2011

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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