HOWARD ROBERT E II

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05/03/2006

05/01/2006

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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) 950 ECHO	(First) D LANE, SUITE	(Middle)	3. Date of (Month/) 05/03/2	Day/Ye		Transaction			X Director Officer (give below)		0% Owner Other (specify		
(Street) HOUSTON, TX 77024				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(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)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - N	lon-	Derivative	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed o	of, or Benefic	ially Owned		
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deeme Execution I any (Month/Day	Date, if	3. Transa Code (Instr.	8)	4. Securities nor Dispose (Instr. 3, 4	d 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	05/01/2006			G	V	136,000	D	\$0	530,000	I	By Howard Investments,		
	Stock	05/01/2006			G	V	136,000	D	\$ 0	530,000	I	Investments,		

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Automotive

Holdings, LP (2) By Automotive

Holdings-Texas,

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Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	2,100	D	\$ 61.09	194,800	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,300	D	\$ 61.08	193,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	300	D	\$ 61.07	193,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	2,300	D	\$ 61.05	190,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 61.04	189,400	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 61.03	189,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 61.02	189,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	900	D	\$ 61.01	188,100	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	100	D	\$ 61.23	199,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 61.22	199,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	500	D	\$ 61.21	199,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	600	D	\$ 61.2	198,600	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 61.19	198,400	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	200	D	\$ 61.15	198,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	600	D	\$ 61.14	197,600	I	By Texas Automotive

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								Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	100	D	\$ 61.13	197,500	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	500	D	\$ 61.12	197,000	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	100	D	\$ 61.1	196,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	23,900	D	\$ 61	164,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	7,300	D	\$ 60.99	156,900	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	5,700	D	\$ 60.98	151,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	3,000	D	\$ 60.97	148,200	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)
Common Stock	05/03/2006	S	1,500	D	\$ 60.96	146,700	I	By Texas Automotive Holdings, LP (2)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5	ate	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title Amoun	t

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Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOWARD ROBERT E II

950 ECHO LANE

SUITE 100

Signatures

HOUSTON, TX 77024

/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).
- ** 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.
- (2) 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.

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