ADAMS JOHN L Form 4 January 05, 2012

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ADAMS JOHN L

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

[GPI]

(Check all applicable)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner __X__ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

01/03/2012

below) Chairman of the Board

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77024

800 GESSNER, SUITE 500

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Ownership (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

60,467

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common Stock

01/03/2012

A 2,154 Α \$0

D

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)

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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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	` `		ate	7. Title a Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 a	of ng s	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	or Title Nu of	umber		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1 3	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ADAMS JOHN L 800 GESSNER SUITE 500 HOUSTON, TX 77024	X			Chairman of the Board			

Signatures

/s/ Beth Sibley, attorney-in-fact for John L. Adams 01/05/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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