ADAMS JOHN L Form 4 July 02, 2009

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES obligations may continue.

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

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

Symbol

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

[GPI]

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

(Month/Day/Year) 07/01/2009

(Street)

(State)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Officer (give title

Person

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

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

HOUSTON, TX 77024

800 GESSNER, SUITE 500

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year)

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) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chairman of the Board

below)

10% Owner __X__ Other (specify

Estimated average

burden hours per

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Common 07/01/2009 Stock

1,580 A \$0 90,356 (1)

(A)

or

4. Securities

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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| | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Titl | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transact Code (Instr. 8) | orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | : | | Amou Under Securi (Instr. | lying | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

By: Beth Sibley, attorney-in-fact 07/02/2009

**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).

The Reporting Person is a director of the Issuer and elected to receive his director fees in the form of restricted stock units in lieu of cash. Pursuant to this arrangement, shares with a value equal to the fees payable for that quarter, calculated using the average of the high and

(1) low price on the New York Stock Exchange on the last trading day of the quarter, are delivered to each eligible director who elected to receive restricted stock units (whose receipt is deferred until such time that they no longer serve as a director) for payment of the quarterly director fees

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