

AUTONATION, INC.
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FERRANDO JONATHAN P

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/17/2011

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2011 | | M | | 22,800 A \$ 16.77 | 55,800 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | 03/17/2011 | | S | | 22,800 D \$ 33.457 | 33,000 ⁽¹⁾ | D |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 1,767 | I By 401(k) Plan |

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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.77 | 03/17/2011 | | M | 22,800 | ⁽³⁾ 07/27/2014 | Common Stock | 22,800 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| FERRANDO JONATHAN P 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | | | EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando 03/18/2011

**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).
- (1) 28,000 shares are owned by the Reporting Person and his wife as tenants by the entirety.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.25 to \$33.68. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (3) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 175,600 shares (as of the grant date) at an exercise price equal to \$16.77 per share, vested as to 25% of the underlying shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of July 27, 2004.

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