#### HESTERBERG EARL J

Form 4

November 08, 2011

## FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HESTERBERG EARL J		ing Person *	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC [GPI]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 800 GESSNE	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2011	_X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) President & CEO			
	(Street)		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			
HOUSTON, TX 77024				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y 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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	11/04/2011		F	14,580	D	\$ 46.34	498,440.798	D	
Common Stock	11/07/2011		F	2,187	D	\$ 46.83	496,253.798	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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## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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HESTERBERG EARL J

800 GESSNER X President & CEO

HOUSTON, TX 77024

## **Signatures**

/s/ Earl J.

Hesterberg 11/08/2011

\*\*Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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