

AUTONATION, INC.  
Form 4  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
JACKSON MICHAEL J

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

(Street)  
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
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**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|---------|---|----------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price   |         |   |          |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 123,300   | A  | \$ 17   | 123,300 | I | By trust |
| Common Stock                    | 12/14/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 123,300   | D  | \$ 27.028 <sup>(2)</sup>                              | 0       | I | By trust |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 139,400   | A  | \$ 17   | 139,400 | I | By trust |
| Common Stock                    | 12/15/2010                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 139,400   | D  | \$ 27.0204 <sup>(3)</sup>                             | 0       | I | By trust |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |   | 15,000  | D |          |

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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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount Number Shares                                    |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 17  | 12/14/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 123,300   | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/28/2013                                | Common Stock 123,300  |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy)       | \$ 17  | 12/15/2010                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 139,400   | <sup>(4)</sup> 07/28/2013                                | Common Stock 139,400  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| JACKSON MICHAEL J<br>200 SW 1ST AVE<br>SUITE 1600<br>FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 12/15/2010

\*\*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) Transaction completed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 23, 2010.

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(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$27.00 to \$27.13. 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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$27.00 to \$27.13. 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.

(4) The option, representing a right to purchase a total of 321,000 shares (as of the grant date) at an exercise price equal to \$17.00 per share, vested as to 25% of the underlying shares on each of July 28, 2004, July 28, 2005, July 28, 2006 and July 28, 2007.

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