

AUTONATION, INC.
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**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 *
JACKSON MICHAEL J

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

 (Street)
 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/20/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

 (Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012		M		110,000	A	\$ 20.08	194,463	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012		M		16,603	A	\$ 9.92	211,066	D
Common Stock, par	07/20/2012		M		49,809	A	\$ 16.99	260,875	D

value
\$0.01 per
share

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

07/20/2012 S 176,412 D 39.8115 84,463 D
(1)

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(1)

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)	\$ 20.08	07/20/2012		M	110,000	<u>(2)</u> 07/31/2016	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 110,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 9.92	07/20/2012		M	16,603	<u>(3)</u> 03/02/2019	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 16,603
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.99	07/20/2012		M	49,809	<u>(4)</u> 03/02/2019	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 49,809

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

JACKSON MICHAEL J
200 SW 1ST AVE
SUITE 1600
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

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Chairman
and CEO

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando,
Attorney-in-Fact

07/24/2012

__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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$39.62 to \$40.62. The price reported above reflects the weighted
(1) 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.

(2) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of July 31, 2006.

(3) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2009.

(4) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2009.

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