

AUTONATION, INC.

Form 4

September 27, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(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)
09/25/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

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

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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	84 A	\$ 19.21 37,084 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/25/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	84 D	\$ 43.79 37,000 ⁽²⁾	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share					1,767	I	By 401(k) Plan

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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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.21	09/25/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	84	⁽³⁾ 07/30/2017	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	84

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 09/27/2012

____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).

(1) Transaction completed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 9, 2012.

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- (2) Includes 33,000 shares owned by the reporting person and his wife as tenants by the entirety.
- (3) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of July 30, 2007.

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