AUTONATION INC /FL

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading FERRANDO JONATHAN P Issuer Symbol AUTONATION INC /FL [AN] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 110 SE 6TH STREET-20TH FLOOR 02/17/2005 below) SVP, Gen'l Counsel & Secretary (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Perivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	ct Beneficial Ownership	
Common	02/17/2005		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$	(Instr. 3 and 4)	D	
Stock	02/17/2005		M	55,000	A	11.51	70,000	D	
Common Stock	02/17/2005		S	50,000	D	\$ 19.75	20,000 (1)	D (2)	

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) 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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.51	02/17/2005		M		22,157	(3)	07/15/2006	Common Stock	22,157
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.51	02/17/2005		M		23,221	<u>(5)</u>	01/02/2007	Common Stock	23,221
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11.51	02/17/2005		M		9,622	<u>(7)</u>	01/02/2008	Common Stock	9,622

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
FERRANDO JONATHAN P			SVP, Gen'l				
110 SE 6TH STREET-20TH FLOOR			Counsel &				
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL 33301			Secretary				

Signatures

Jonathan P. Ferrando	02/17/2005			
**Signature of	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) Excludes 1,687 shares of AutoNation common stock held through the AutoNation, Inc. 401(k) Plan.

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- (2) 15,000 shares are owned by the Reporting Person and his wife as tenants in the entirety and, following Reported Transactions, 5,000 shares will be owned directly by the Reporting Person.
- (3) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on July 15, 1997.
- (4) N/A
- (5) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 1998.
- (6) N/A
- (7) The option vested in four equal annual installments beginning on January 2, 1999.
- (8) N/A

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