

AUTONATION, INC.
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FORM 4

**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 *
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)
10/04/2012

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)
EVP, Gen Counsel & Secretary

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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/04/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	15,000 A	\$ 19.21 55,000	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/04/2012		S ⁽¹⁾	14,000 D	\$ 45.79 41,000	D ⁽²⁾	
Common Stock, par					1,767	I	By 401(k) Plan

value
\$0.01 per
share

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 or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 19.21	10/04/2012		M ⁽¹⁾	15,000	⁽³⁾ 07/30/2017	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 15,000

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
10/05/2012

**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).

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

(1) described in a Form 8-K filed by AutoNation, Inc. on August 10, 2012 (such plan, the "Plan"). Effective as of the completion of the transactions disclosed in this Form 4, the Plan has been completely executed.

(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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