

Stephan Michael J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
Stephan 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)
08/30/2011

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

VP - Corporate Controller

(Street)

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

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

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | Price | |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,903 | \$ 19.21 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 1,430 | \$ 10.17 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 351 | \$ 9.92 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 351 | \$ 16.99 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 351 | \$ 18.02 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|-------|---|----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 351 | A | \$ 17.7 | 11,499 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 420 | A | \$ 18.2 | 11,919 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 420 | A | \$ 19.64 | 12,339 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 420 | A | \$ 23.21 | 12,759 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | M ⁽¹⁾ | 420 | A | \$ 26.49 | 13,179 | D |
| Common Stock | 08/30/2011 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 8,523 | D | \$ 40.51 | 4,656 | D |

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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.21 | 08/30/2011 | | M | 2,903 | ⁽²⁾ 07/30/2017 | Common Stock | 2,903 |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 10.17 | 08/30/2011 | | M | 1,430 | ⁽³⁾ 07/30/2018 | Common Stock | 1,430 |
| Employee Stock | \$ 9.92 | 08/30/2011 | | M | 351 | ⁽⁴⁾ 03/02/2019 | Common Stock | 351 |

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|--|----------|------------|---|-----|------------|------------|-----------------|-----|--|
| Option (right to buy) | | | | | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.99 | 08/30/2011 | M | 351 | <u>(4)</u> | 03/02/2019 | Common Stock | 351 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.02 | 08/30/2011 | M | 351 | <u>(4)</u> | 03/02/2019 | Common Stock | 351 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.7 | 08/30/2011 | M | 351 | <u>(4)</u> | 03/02/2019 | Common Stock | 351 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.2 | 08/30/2011 | M | 420 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 420 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 19.64 | 08/30/2011 | M | 420 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 420 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 23.21 | 08/30/2011 | M | 420 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 420 | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 26.49 | 08/30/2011 | M | 420 | <u>(5)</u> | 03/01/2020 | Common Stock | 420 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stephan Michael J 200 SW 1ST AVE | | | VP - Corporate | |

SUITE 1600
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Controller

Signatures

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

08/31/2011

**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 10, 2011.
- (2) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of July 30, 2007.
- (3) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of July 30, 2008, subject to continuous employment with the Company.
- (4) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2009, subject to continuous employment with the Company.
- (5) The option becomes exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of June 1, 2010, subject to continuous employment with the Company.

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