AUTONATION, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BROWN ROBERT J**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

(Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2011

X_ Director 10% Owner

(Check all applicable)

Officer (give title Other (specify below)

(Street)

200 SW 1ST AVE, SUITE 1600

(First)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X 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 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 6. Date Exercisable and 4. 5. Number Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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	Derivative Security				(D)	Disposed of D) Instr. 3, 4,				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35.99	12/01/2011	A(1)		5,000		12/01/2011	12/01/2021	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROWN ROBERT J
200 SW 1ST AVE
SUITE 1600
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Signatures

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

**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) The stock option has been granted pursuant to the AutoNation, Inc. 2007 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, as amended.

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