

MAROONE MICHAEL E  
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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 \*  
MAROONE MICHAEL E

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  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
09/07/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Director, President and COO

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/07/2012		M		64,000	A	\$ 21.59
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/07/2012		S		64,000	D	\$ 41.9112
Common Stock, par	09/10/2012		M		118,100	A	\$ 21.59

value  
\$0.01 per  
share

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

09/10/2012	S	118,100	D	\$ 41.8425	0	D
				<u>(2)</u>		

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

09/11/2012	S	131,323	D	\$ 41.4951	2,365,299	I
				<u>(3)</u>		

See  
Footnote  
(4)

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

1,537

I

By  
401(k)  
Plan

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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.59	09/07/2012		M	64,000	<u>(5)</u> 08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 64,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.59	09/10/2012		M	118,100	<u>(5)</u> 08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 118,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MAROONE MICHAEL E 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301	X		Director, President and COO	

## Signatures

/s/ Michael E.  
Maroone

09/11/2012

\*\*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) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.80 to \$42.00. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
  - (2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.53 to \$42.01. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
  - (3) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$41.45 to \$41.75. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
  - (4) These shares are beneficially owned by Michael Maroone Family Partnership, a Nevada limited partnership controlled by the reporting person.
  - (5) The option became exercisable in 25% annual increments on each of the first four anniversaries of August 1, 2005.

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