

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**  
  
 (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)  
**09/07/2012**  
  
 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)  
**Director, President and COO**  
  
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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
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Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

09/11/2012	S	131,323	D	\$ 41.4951	2,365,299	I	See Footnote (4)
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Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

1,537	I	By 401(k) Plan
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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	(5) 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	(5) 08/01/2015	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 118,100

