AUTONATION, INC.

Form 4

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Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr. 8)			Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Direc Owned (D) or Following Indirect (I) Reported (Instr. 4)		Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(IIISU: +)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/25/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	84	A	\$ 19.21	37,084 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/25/2012		S <u>(1)</u>	84	D	\$ 43.79	37,000 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share							1,767	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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Counsel &

Secretary

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	TransactionNumber Code of		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	09/25/2012		M <u>(1)</u>	84	(3)	07/30/2017	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	84	9

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Ketationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				

FERRANDO JONATHAN P 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301

Signatures

/s/ Jonathan P.
Ferrando

**Signature of Reporting Date

Person

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 9, 2012.

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- (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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