

AUTONATION, INC.  
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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 \*  
**CROWLEY WILLIAM C**

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)  
**07/20/2012**

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

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301**  
  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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**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	07/20/2012		M		20,000	A	\$ 12.56
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012		M		20,000	A	\$ 18.37
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012		M		20,000	A	\$ 19.21

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012	M	20,000	A	\$ 21.73	169,545	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	07/20/2012	F	35,250	D	\$ 40.78	134,295	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						83,545	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share						9,151	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>

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 or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.56	07/20/2012		M	20,000	01/02/2003 01/02/2013	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 20,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.37	07/20/2012		M	20,000	01/02/2004 01/02/2014	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 20,000
	\$ 19.21	07/20/2012		M	20,000	01/03/2005 01/03/2015	20,000

Stock Option (right to buy)									Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 21.73	07/20/2012		M	20,000	01/03/2006	01/03/2016		Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
									20,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWLEY WILLIAM C 200 SW 1ST AVE SUITE 1600 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33301		X		

## Signatures

/s/ William C.  
Crowley

07/24/2012

\*\*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) These shares are held directly by William C. Crowley.
  - (2) These shares are held by Tynan, LLC, a limited liability company of which Mr. Crowley is the manager and a member.
  - (3) These shares are held in a grantor retained annuity trust, of which Mr. Crowley is the trustee.

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