

AUTONATION, INC.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
CROWLEY WILLIAM C

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
200 GREENWICH AVENUE  
(Street)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/27/2011

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/27/2011		S	4,229 D	\$ 40.25 (1) 83,728	I	See Footnotes (2) (3)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	10/28/2011		S	183 D	\$ 40.2 (4) 83,545	I	See Footnotes (2) (3)
Common Stock, par	10/28/2011		M	50,000 A	\$ 12.6 71,049	D (3) (5)	

value  
\$0.01 per  
share

Common  
Stock, par  
value 10/28/2011  
\$0.01 per  
share

F 15,723 D \$ 40.07 55,326 D (3) (5)

Common  
Stock, par  
value  
\$0.01 per  
share

40,024 I See  
Footnotes  
(3) (6)

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)	\$ 12.6	10/28/2011		M	50,000	01/29/2002 01/29/2012	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CROWLEY WILLIAM C 200 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830			X	

## Signatures

/s/ William C.  
Crowley

10/31/2011

\_\_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 price represents the approximate weighted average price per share of common stock of AutoNation, Inc. (the "Issuer"), par value \$0.01 per share (each, a "Share"), of sales that were executed at prices ranging from \$40.08 to \$41.00 per Share. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares sold at each price.

(2) These Shares are held by Tynan, LLC, a limited liability company of which William C. Crowley is the manager and a member.

(3) This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Mr. Crowley. Mr. Crowley is the President and Chief Operating Officer of ESL Investments, Inc. ("Investments") which together with various of its affiliates beneficially owns securities of the Issuer. Mr. Crowley disclaims beneficial ownership of all securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by Investments.

(4) This price represents the approximate weighted average price per Share, of sales that were executed at prices ranging from \$40.00 to \$40.20 per Share. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares sold at each price.

(5) These Shares are held directly by Mr. Crowley.

(6) These Shares are held in grantor retained annuity trusts, of which Mr. Crowley is the trustee.

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