FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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JOHNSON PHILLIP R			2. Date of Ever Requiring State (Month/Day/Ye	ement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [ NYSE: ABG ]						
(Last) 622 THIRD A	(First)	(Middle) TH FLOOR	08/16/2006		Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 03/13/2002			
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10017					VP-Human Reso	below) ources		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)						Reporting Person			
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ure of Indirect Beneficial Ownership 5)			
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share					5,171	D					
		(e.			e Securities Beneficially ( nts, options, convertible		5)				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  2. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			ate	Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise		5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Employee Stoo Buy)	ck Option (E	mployee Right to	(1)	06/05/2010 <sup>(3</sup>	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	15,517	12.8	9	D		
Employee Stoo Buy)	ck Option (E	mployee Right to	(2)	03/13/2012 <sup>(3</sup>	Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	12,121	16.5		D		

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The option vested in three equal installments on June 5, 2001, 2002 and 2003.
- 2. The option vested in three equal installments on March 13, 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- 3. This Form 3/A is being filed to reflect the correct expiration date of the option.

## Remarks:

Phillip R. Johnson

08/16/2006

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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