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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box Expires: if no longer STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BRETT HUTCHINSON** Issuer Symbol ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP (Check all applicable) INC [ABG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE
GROUP, INC., 622 THIRD
AVENUE, 37TH FLOOR

(First)

(Middle)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

01/30/2008

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Vice President & Controller

Director

below)

X_ Officer (give title

3235-0287

January 31,

10% Owner Other (specify

2005

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X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW	YORK, NY	10017

(Last)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi n(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	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	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/30/2008		A	2,500 (1)	A	\$ 0	5,000	D	
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share	01/30/2008		F	1,101	D	\$ 13.26	3,899	D	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration Da	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	J
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)]
	Derivative				Securities			(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
	Security				Acquired						J
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					of (D)						(
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					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	m	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRETT HUTCHINSON C/O ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP, INC. 622 THIRD AVENUE, 37TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017

Vice President & Controller

Signatures

Lynne A. Burgess, Attorney-in-Fact

01/31/2008

**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).

These shares of the Issuer's common stock were awarded by the Issuer to the reporting person as settlement of certain non-derivative performance units that were granted for the performance period of fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007 (the "Period"). Each performance unit would convert into one share of the Issuer's common stock and the vesting of such performance units were contingent upon the Issuer

meeting certain performance objectives for the Issuer's earnings per share and the performance of its four revenue sources over the Period. On January 11, 2006, the reporting person was granted such performance units with the targeted amount being 2,000 units. The Issuer exceeded its targets for the Period by 25% and awarded the reporting person 2,500 shares of its common stock, representing 125% of the targeted amount.

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