

ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC
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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 *
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC [NYSE:ABG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA, 32ND FLOOR
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/22/2006

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

NEW YORK, NY 10020

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/22/2006		S	5,500,000	D \$ 17.67 <u>(1)</u>	3,454,900	I	The shares are held through membership interests in Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC <u>(2)</u>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ASBURY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP INC ONE ROCKEFELLER PLAZA 32ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10020		X		

Signatures

Chris Minnetian,
Secretary 09/26/2006

__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) The shares were sold in an underwritten offering to the public at a price of \$18.50 per share (the "Public Offering Price"). The \$17.67 price per share realized by the Reporting Person is equal to the Public Offering Price net of an underwriting discount of \$0.83 per share.
- The shares are held directly by Asbury Automotive Holdings LLC ("Holdings"). Ripplewood Partners L.P., a fund affiliated with
- (2) Ripplewood Investments LLC, owns 51% of the membership interests in Holdings. The business address of Ripplewood Partners L.P. is One Rockefeller Plaza, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10020.

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