

AUTOZONE INC
Form SC 13D/A
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 28)*
AutoZone, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)
053332102

(CUSIP Number)
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Receive Notices and Communications)
July 16, 2009

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ESL Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) ☐ p

(b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 12,735,004

8 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY SHARED VOTING POWER
0

9 EACH REPORTING SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 12,735,004

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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(b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 67,410

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 67,410

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 2,820,940

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 2,820,940

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Acres Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) ☐ p

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 3,182,851

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 3,182,851

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) ☐ p

(b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 67,410

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 67,410

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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RBS Partners, L.P.

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(a) ☐ p

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3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 16,363,983

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 16,363,983

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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ESL Investments, Inc.

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(a) ☐ p

(b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 20,164,606

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 20,164,606

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Edward S. Lampert

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

(a) ☐ p

(b) ☐ o

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 20,206,018

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY **8** SHARED VOTING POWER
0

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 20,206,018

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,206,018

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

37.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

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This Amendment No. 28 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Shares), of AutoZone, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Issuer). This Amendment No. 28 amends the Schedule 13D, as previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Partners), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Institutional), ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Investors), Acres Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Acres), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (RBSIM), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (RBS), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Investments) and Edward S. Lampert, a United States citizen, by furnishing the information set forth below. Partners, Institutional, Investors, Acres, RBSIM, RBS, Investments and Mr. Lampert are collectively defined in this Amendment as the Filing Persons. Except as otherwise specified in this Amendment, all previous Items are unchanged. Capitalized terms used herein which are not defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Schedule 13D, as previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Filing Persons are filing this Amendment No. 28 to report that the number of Shares that they may be deemed to beneficially own has decreased by an amount greater than one percent of the outstanding Shares of the Issuer.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a)-(b) The Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 20,206,018 Shares (which represents approximately 37.6% of the 53,733,813 Shares outstanding as of June 15, 2009, as disclosed in the Issuer's most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 18, 2009).

REPORTING PERSON	NUMBER OF		SOLE VOTING POWER	SHARED VOTING POWER	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
	SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	OF OUTSTANDING SHARES				
ESL Partners, L.P.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	12,735,004	0	12,735,004	0
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	67,410	0	67,410	0
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	2,820,940	0	2,820,940	0
Acres Partners, L.P.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	3,182,851	0	3,182,851	0
RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	67,410(2)	0	67,410(2)	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	16,363,983(3)	0	16,363,983(3)	0

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REPORTING PERSON	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	SOLE VOTING POWER	SHARED VOTING POWER	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
ESL Investments, Inc.	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	20,164,606(4)	0	20,164,606(4)	0
Edward S. Lampert	20,206,018(1)	37.6%	20,206,018(1)	0	20,206,018(1)	0

- (1) This number consists of 12,735,004 Shares held by Partners, 67,410 Shares held by Institutional, 2,820,940 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 3,182,851 Shares held by Acres, 808,039 Shares held by RBS, 550,362 Shares held by Investments, 20,803 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 20,609 Shares held by the Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation, of which Mr. Lampert is a trustee.

- (2) This number consists of 67,410 Shares held by Institutional.

(3) This number consists of 12,735,004 Shares held by Partners, 2,820,940 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 808,039 Shares held by RBS.

(4) This number consists of 12,735,004 Shares held by Partners, 67,410 Shares held by Institutional, 2,820,940 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 808,039 Shares held by RBS, 3,182,851 Shares held by Acres and 550,362 Shares held by Investments.

In addition, Mr. Crowley, the President and Chief Operating Officer of Investments and a Director of the Issuer, directly owns 310 Shares and options, which are not exercisable in the next 60 days, to purchase 6,526 Shares.

(c) Other than as set forth in Annex A hereto, there have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons since June 23, 2009, the date of the last Amendment on Schedule 13D by the Filing Persons.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: July 17, 2009

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., as its general partner

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its manager

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its managing member

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

ACRES PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its
general partner

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

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RBS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT,
L.L.C.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its
manager

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

RBS PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its
general partner

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

ESL INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey
Title: Chief Financial Officer

EDWARD S. LAMPERT

/s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

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ANNEX A
RECENT TRANSACTIONS BY THE FILING PERSONS IN THE SECURITIES OF
AUTOZONE, INC.

Entity	Date of Transaction	Nature of Transaction	Number of Shares of Common Stock	Weighted Average Price per Share
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	191,674	\$ 158.06
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	8,711	\$ 159.11
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	11,146	\$ 160.22
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/16/2009	open market sales	218,435	\$ 157.87
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/17/2009	open market sales	131,198	\$ 157.13
ESL Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	42,457	\$ 158.06
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	7/15/2009	open market sales	1,930	\$ 159.11
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	7/15/2009	open market sales	2,469	\$ 160.22
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	7/16/2009	open market sales	48,363	\$ 157.87
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	7/17/2009	open market sales	29,061	\$ 157.13
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	7/15/2009	open market sales	1,015	\$ 158.06
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	46	\$ 159.11
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.		open market sales		

ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	59	\$160.22
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	Date of	Nature of	Number of	Weighted		
Entity	Transaction	Transaction	Shares of	Average		
			Common	Price per		
			Stock	Share		
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	7/16/2009	open market sales	1,156	\$157.87		
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	7/17/2009	open market sales	694	\$157.13		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/15/2009	open market sales	8,283	\$158.06		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/15/2009	open market sales	376	\$159.11		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/15/2009	open market sales	483	\$160.22		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/16/2009	open market sales	9,436	\$157.87		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/17/2009	open market sales	5,670	\$157.13		
ESL Investments, Inc.	7/15/2009	open market sales	12,162	\$158.06		
RBS Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	553	\$159.11		
RBS Partners, L.P.	7/15/2009	open market sales	707	\$160.22		
RBS Partners, L.P.	7/16/2009	open market sales	13,853	\$157.87		
RBS Partners, L.P.	7/17/2009	open market sales	8,324	\$157.13		
Edward S. Lampert	7/15/2009	open market sales	313	\$158.06		
Edward S. Lampert	7/15/2009	open market sales	14	\$159.11		
Edward S. Lampert	7/15/2009	open market sales	19	\$160.22		
Edward S. Lampert	7/16/2009	open market sales	357	\$157.87		
Edward S. Lampert	7/17/2009	open market sales	214	\$157.13		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	7/15/2009	open market sales	310	\$158.06		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	7/15/2009	open market sales	14	\$159.11		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	7/15/2009	open market sales	18	\$160.22		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	7/16/2009	open market sales	353	\$157.87		

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Entity	Date of	Nature of	Number of	Weighted				
	Transaction	Transaction	Shares of	Average				
			Common	Price per				
			Stock	Share				
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	7/17/2009	open market sales	212	\$157.13				