AUTOZONE INC Form 4 September 01, 2005

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * ELSON CHARLES M

(First)

(Street)

123 SOUTH FRONT STREET

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AUTOZONE INC [AZO]

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

09/01/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

MEMPHIS, TN 38103

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

or

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(9-02)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 7. Title and Amount of 8 4. 6. Date Exercisable and Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,

and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Exercisable

Date

or Number of Shares

Amount

Stock

Common (2) (3) 119.8 Appreciation \$0 09/01/2005 Α 119.8 Stock

Rights (1)

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ELSON CHARLES M 123 SOUTH FRONT STREET X MEMPHIS, TN 38103

Signatures

/s/ Charles M. 09/01/2005 Elson

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Granted in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc. 2003 Director Compensation Plan.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Rights are convertible to Common Stock or cash immediately upon termination as a director.
- (3) Stock Appreciation Rights do not expire.

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