

AUTOZONE INC
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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. 27)***

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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June 19, 2009

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

☐ o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 13,296,168

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 13,296,168

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

PN

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ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

☐ o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 70,380

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 70,380

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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ESL Investors, L.L.C.

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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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

☐ o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 2,945,220

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 2,945,220

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Acres 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 ITEMS 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

20,956,103

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

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

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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
ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)
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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 70,380

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 70,380

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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RBS Partners, L.P.

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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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 17,085,026

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 17,085,026

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ESL Investments, Inc.

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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

☐ o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 20,912,867

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 20,912,867

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

12

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

39.0%

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 ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

☐ o

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 20,956,103

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

EACH
REPORTING **9** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

PERSON 20,956,103

WITH SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

20,956,103

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

39.0%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14

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This Amendment No. 27 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. 27 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.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The Filing Persons purchased the Shares reported herein as part of their ordinary course investment activities and intend to review on a continuing basis their investment in the Issuer. Depending on their review and evaluation of the business and prospects of the Issuer and the price level of the Shares, or such other factors as they may deem relevant, the Filing Persons may acquire additional Shares; may sell all or any part of their Shares pursuant to Rule 144, in privately negotiated transactions or in sales registered or exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act); may distribute Shares to various of their partners or may engage in any combination of the foregoing. Subject to applicable law, the Filing Persons may enter into derivative transactions, hedging transactions or alternative structures with respect to the Shares. Any open market or privately negotiated purchases, sales, distributions or other transactions may be made at any time without additional prior notice. Any alternative that the Filing Persons may pursue will depend upon a variety of factors, including without limitation, current and anticipated future trading prices of the Shares, the financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Issuer and general economic, financial market and industry conditions, other investment and business opportunities available to the Filing Persons, general stock market and economic conditions, tax considerations and other factors.

From June 19, 2009 through June 23, 2009, the Filing Persons sold an aggregate of 454,153 Shares into the open market pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act. In addition, on June 23, 2009, Acres distributed an aggregate of 2,578,742 Shares to its partners. Following these transactions, the Filing Persons continue to hold an aggregate of 20,956,103 Shares, which is approximately 39.0% of the 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.

William C. Crowley, who is the President and Chief Operating Officer of Investments, is a Director of the Issuer. The Filing Persons currently intend to remain as significant shareholders of the Issuer.

As a result of the Filing Persons' ongoing review and evaluation of the business, the Filing Persons may continue to communicate with the Board of Directors, members of management and/or other stockholders from time to time with respect to operational, strategic, financial or governance matters or otherwise work with management and the Board of Directors to create stockholder value and may from time to time suggest potential directors who may or may not be employees of the Filing Persons.

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Other than as described in this Item 4, none of the Filing Persons, nor, to the knowledge of each Filing Person, any individuals listed in response to Item 2 hereof, has any current plans or proposals that relate to or that would result in any of the transactions or other matters specified in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D; provided that the Filing Persons may, at any time, review or reconsider their position with respect to the Issuer and reserve the right to develop such plans or proposals.

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 20,956,103 Shares (approximately 39.0% 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 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	SOLE VOTING POWER	SHARED VOTING POWER	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
ESL Partners, L.P.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	13,296,168	0	13,296,168	0
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	70,380	0	70,380	0
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	2,945,220	0	2,945,220	0
Acres Partners, L.P.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	3,182,851	0	3,182,851	0
RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	70,380(2)	0	70,380(2)	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	17,085,026(3)	0	17,085,026(3)	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	20,912,867(4)	0	20,912,867(4)	0
Edward S. Lampert	20,956,103(1)	39.0%	20,956,103(1)	0	20,956,103(1)	0

(1) This number consists of 13,296,168 Shares held by Partners, 70,380 Shares held by Institutional, 2,945,220 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of

Investors,
3,182,851
Shares held by
Acres, 843,638
Shares held by
RBS, 574,610
Shares held by
Investments,
21,720 Shares
held by
Mr. Lampert
and 21,516
Shares held by
the Edward and
Kinga Lampert
Foundation, of
which Mr.
Lampert is a
trustee.

- (2) This number
consists of
70,380 Shares
held by
Institutional.
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(3) This number consists of 13,296,168 Shares held by Partners, 2,945,220 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 843,638 Shares held by RBS.

(4) This number consists of 13,296,168 Shares held by Partners, 70,380 Shares held by Institutional, 2,945,220 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 843,638 Shares held by RBS, 3,182,851 Shares held by Acres and 574,610 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 during the past 60 days.

(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: June 23, 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.	6/19/2009	open market sale	70,140	\$ 156.73
ESL Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	34,403	\$ 157.01
ESL Partners, L.P.	6/22/2009	open market sale	125,503	\$ 156.07
ESL Partners, L.P.	6/23/2009	open market sale	32,954	\$ 155.06
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	6/19/2009	open market sale	15,537	\$ 156.73
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	6/19/2009	open market sale	7,620	\$ 157.01
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	6/22/2009	open market sale	27,800	\$ 156.07
Account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C.	6/23/2009	open market sale	7,299	\$ 155.06
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	371	\$ 156.73
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	182	\$ 157.01
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	6/22/2009	open market sale	664	\$ 156.07
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	6/23/2009	open market sale	174	\$ 155.06
Acres Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	30,394	\$ 156.73
Acres Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	14,907	\$ 157.01
Acres Partners, L.P.	6/22/2009	open market sale	54,384	\$ 156.07
Acres Partners, L.P.	6/23/2009	in-kind distribution to partners	2,578,742	not applicable
Acres Partners, L.P.	6/23/2009	open market sale	14,279	\$ 155.06
RBS Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	4,450	\$ 156.73

RBS Partners, L.P.	6/19/2009	open market sale	2,183	\$ 157.01
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Entity	Date of Transaction	Nature of Transaction	Number of Shares of Common Stock	Weighted Average Price per Share		
RBS Partners, L.P.	6/22/2009	open market sale	7,963	\$ 156.07		
RBS Partners, L.P.	6/23/2009	open market sale	2,091	\$ 155.06		
Edward S. Lampert	6/19/2009	open market sale	115	\$ 156.73		
Edward S. Lampert	6/19/2009	open market sale	56	\$ 157.01		
Edward S. Lampert	6/22/2009	open market sale	205	\$ 156.07		
Edward S. Lampert	6/23/2009	open market sale	54	\$ 155.06		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	6/19/2009	open market sale	113	\$ 156.73		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	6/19/2009	open market sale	56	\$ 157.01		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	6/22/2009	open market sale	203	\$ 156.07		
Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation	6/23/2009	open market sale	53	\$ 155.06		