

AUTONATION, INC.  
Form 8-K  
January 07, 2011

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**

**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date Of Report (Date Of Earliest Event Reported) January 7, 2011**

**AutoNation, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

**1-13107**  
(Commission

File Number)

**73-1105145**  
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

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200 SW 1st Ave

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (954) 769-6000

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.04 Temporary Suspension of Trading Under Registrant's Employee Benefit Plans.**

On December 7, 2010, AutoNation, Inc. (the Company) received a notice from the Plan Administrator of the AutoNation 401(k) Plan (the Plan) notifying the Company of a blackout period under the Plan, pursuant to Section 101(i)(2)(E) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended. On December 7, 2010, pursuant to Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Section 104 of Regulation BTR, the Company sent a notice (the Prior Notice) of the blackout period to its directors and executive officers, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 7, 2010. The Prior Notice indicated that the blackout period was required due to a change in recordkeepers for the Plan and was expected to begin on December 28, 2010 and end on January 22, 2011 (the Blackout Period).

On January 7, 2011, pursuant to Section 306 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and Section 104 of Regulation BTR, the Company sent an updated notice (the Updated Notice) to its directors and executive officers informing them that because the change in recordkeepers and the related data transfers are expected to be completed earlier than anticipated, the blackout period is now expected to end on January 10, 2011. A copy of the Updated Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Notice to Directors and Executive Officers dated January 7, 2011.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**AUTONATION, INC.**

Date: January 7, 2011

By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando  
Jonathan P. Ferrando  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

**Exhibit Index**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Notice to Directors and Executive Officers dated January 7, 2011.