

AUTOZONE INC
Form SC 13D/A
January 20, 2012

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 48)***

AutoZone, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

053332102

(CUSIP Number)

David A. Katz

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz

51 West 52nd Street

New York, New York 10019

(212) 403-1000

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

January 18, 2012

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. 053332102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ESL Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

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) £

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

2,530,092

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH

0

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,530,092

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

4,235,797

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

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

10.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
PN

CUSIP No. 053332102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b) **3** SEC USE ONLY**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

706

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

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(b) _

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N/A

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Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

706

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

0

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY EACH **9**

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Tynan, LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) X
(b) _

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) £

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

9,554

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY EACH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING PERSON

WITH

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Delaware

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ESL Investments, Inc.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

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N/A

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CUSIP No. 053332102

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

Edward S. Lampert

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) X
(b) _

3 SEC USE ONLY**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

4,213,469

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

William C. Crowley

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) X
(b) _

3 SEC USE ONLY**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS

N/A

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

22,328

8 SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

0

OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON
WITH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

17,229

10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

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14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON
IN

This Amendment No. 48 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. 48 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"), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("RBSIM"), Tynan, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Tynan"), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("RBS"), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Investments"), Edward S. Lampert and William C. Crowley, both United States citizens, by furnishing the information set forth below. Partners, Institutional, RBSIM, Tynan, RBS, Investments, Mr. Lampert and Mr. Crowley are collectively defined 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. 48 to report recent open-market sales of Shares that have decreased the amount of Shares that the Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own 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) As of January 19, 2012, the Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 4,235,797 Shares (which represents approximately 10.8% of the 39,359,829 Shares outstanding as of December 12, 2011, as disclosed in the Issuer's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 15, 2011).

| 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. | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 2,530,092 | 0 | 2,530,092 | 0 |
| ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 706 | 0 | 706 | 0 |
| | | | 706 (2) | 0 | 706 (2) | 0 |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| RBS Investment Management, L.L.C. | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | | | | |
| Tynan, LLC | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 9,554 | 0 | 9,554 | 0 |
| RBS Partners, L.P. | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 2,530,092 (4) | 0 | 2,530,092 (4) | 0 |
| ESL Investments, Inc. | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 2,530,798 (5) | 0 | 2,530,798 (5) | 0 |
| Edward S. Lampert | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 4,213,469(6) | 0 | 3,043,228 (3) | 0 |
| William C. Crowley | 4,235,797 (1) | 10.8% | 22,328(7) | 0 | 17,229 (3) | 0 |

- (1) This number consists of 2,530,092 Shares held by Partners, 706 Shares held by Institutional, 9,554 Shares held by Tynan, 12,774 Shares held by Mr. Crowley, 1,647,629 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 35,042 Shares held by The Lampert Foundation, of which Mr. Lampert is a trustee.
- (2) This number consists of 706 Shares held by Institutional.
- (3) This number excludes Shares subject to the Lock-Up Agreement described herein.
- (4) This number consists of 2,530,092 Shares held by Partners.
- (5) This number consists of 2,530,092 Shares held by Partners and 706 Shares held by Institutional.
- (6) This number consists of 2,530,092 Shares held by Partners, 706 Shares held by Institutional, 1,647,629 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 35,042 Shares held by The Lampert Foundation, of which Mr. Lampert is a trustee.
- (7) This number consists of 9,554 Shares held by Tynan and 12,774 Shares held by Mr. Crowley.

In addition, Mr. Crowley directly owns options, which are not exercisable in the next 60 days, to purchase 3,000 Shares.

(c) On January 1, 2012, the Issuer issued 154 restricted stock units, representing Shares of the Issuer, to Mr. Crowley in lieu of quarterly retainer fees, in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc., 2011 Equity Incentive Award Plan and the AutoZone, Inc. 2011 Director Compensation Plan.

Other than as described above or as set forth in Annex A hereto, there have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons since December 30, 2011, the record date of the last Amendment on Schedule 13D by the Filing Persons.

- (d) Not applicable.
- (e) Not applicable.

SIGNATURE

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: January 19, 2012

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

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

TYNAN, LLC

By: /s/ William C. Crowley

Name: William C. Crowley
Title: Manager

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

WILLIAM C. CROWLEY

/s/ William C. Crowley

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. | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 143,312 | 345.36 |
| ESL Partners, L.P. | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 47,468 | 345.37 |
| ESL Partners, L.P. | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 91,257 | 346.42 |
| ESL Partners, L.P. | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 155,590 | 346.57 |
| ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 37 | 345.36 |
| ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 13 | 345.37 |
| ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 26 | 346.42 |
| ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 43 | 346.57 |
| Edward S. Lampert | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 72,777 | 345.36 |
| Edward S. Lampert | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 31,041 | 345.37 |
| Edward S. Lampert | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 59,675 | 346.42 |
| Edward S. Lampert | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 101,459 | 346.57 |
| The Lampert Foundation | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 1,813 | 345.36 |
| The Lampert Foundation | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 659 | 345.37 |
| The Lampert Foundation | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 1,266 | 346.42 |
| The Lampert Foundation | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 2,156 | 346.57 |
| Tynan, LLC ¹ | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 510 | 345.36 |
| Tynan, LLC ¹ | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 185 | 345.37 |
| Tynan, LLC ¹ | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 356 | 346.42 |
| Tynan, LLC ¹ | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 607 | 346.57 |
| William C. Crowley | 1/17/2012 | Open Market Sales | 284 | 345.36 |
| William C. Crowley | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 95 | 345.37 |
| William C. Crowley | 1/18/2012 | Open Market Sales | 184 | 346.42 |
| William C. Crowley | 1/19/2012 | Open Market Sales | 307 | 346.57 |

¹William C. Crowley is the sole manager of and a member of Tynan, LLC.
