AUTONATION, INC. Form 8-K May 04, 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) May 3, 2011

# AutoNation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

1-13107 (Commission 73-1105145 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number)

**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):

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 4, 2011, AutoNation, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing April 2011 retail new vehicle unit sales. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 3, 2011, the Board of Directors of AutoNation, Inc. (the Company) authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$250 million of the Company s common stock, increasing the total amount authorized under the Company s existing stock repurchase program to \$395.9 million.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

99.1 Press Release of AutoNation, Inc. dated May 4, 2011 regarding April 2011 retail new vehicle unit sales.

### **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: May 4, 2011 By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando Jonathan P. Ferrando

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary