

ESL INVESTORS LLC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LAMPERT EDWARD S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AUTONATION, INC. [AN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 200 GREENWICH AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/31/2011

___ Director ___X___ 10% Owner
 ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

GREENWICH, CT 06830

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___X___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 08/31/2011 | | S | | \$ 265,054 40.88 (1) | 43,852,277 | I See Footnotes (2) (9) |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 09/01/2011 | | S | | \$ 100,959 40.72 (3) | 43,751,318 | I See Footnotes (2) (9) |
| Common Stock, par | 08/31/2011 | | S | | \$ 25 40.88 | 6,679 | I See Footnotes |

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| value | | | | (1) | | | (4) (9) |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value | 09/01/2011 | S | 9 | D | \$ 40.72 | 6,670 | I |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | (3) | | See Footnotes (4) (9) |
| Common Stock, par value | 08/31/2011 | S | 19,188 | D | \$ 40.88 | 5,200,966 | I |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | (1) | | See Footnotes (5) (9) |
| Common Stock, par value | 09/01/2011 | S | 7,309 | D | \$ 40.72 | 5,193,657 | I |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | (3) | | See Footnotes (5) (9) |
| Common Stock, par value | 08/31/2011 | S | 12,106 | D | \$ 40.88 | 18,498,162 | D (6) (9) |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | (1) | | |
| Common Stock, par value | 09/01/2011 | S | 4,611 | D | \$ 40.72 | 18,493,551 | D (6) (9) |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | (3) | | |
| Common Stock, par value | | | | | | 12,882,401 | I |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | See Footnotes (7) (9) |
| Common Stock, par value | | | | | | 18,133 | I |
| \$0.01 per share | | | | | | | See Footnotes (8) (9) |

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)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LAMPERT EDWARD S 200 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | X | | |
| ESL INVESTMENTS INC 200 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | X | | |
| RBS PARTNERS L P /CT 200 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | X | | |
| ESL PARTNERS, L.P. 200 GREENWICH AVENUE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | X | | |
| ESL INVESTORS LLC 200 GREENWICH AVE GREENWICH, CT 06830 | | X | | |

Signatures

| | |
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| /s/ EDWARD S. LAMPERT | 09/02/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| ESL INVESTMENTS, INC., By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey, Chief Financial Officer | 09/02/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| RBS PARTNERS, L.P., By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner, By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey, Chief Financial Officer | 09/02/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |
| 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, Chief Financial Officer | 09/02/2011 |

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__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C., By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its manager, By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner, By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey, Chief Financial Officer

09/02/2011

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) This price represents the approximate weighted average price per share of common stock of AutoNation, Inc. (the "Issuer"), par value \$0.01 per share (each, a "Share"), of sales that were executed at prices ranging from \$40.70 to \$41.09 per Share. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full in-formation regarding the number of Shares sold at each price.

(2) These Shares are held by ESL Partners, L.P. ("Partners").

(3) This price represents the approximate weighted average price per Share, of sales that were executed at prices ranging from \$40.70 to \$40.93 per Share. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide, upon re-quest by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares sold at each price.

(4) These Shares are held by ESL Institutional Partners, L.P. ("Institutional").

(5) These Shares are held by CBL Partners, L.P. ("CBL").

(6) These Shares are held by Edward S. Lampert.

(7) These Shares are held in an account established by the investment member of ESL Investors, L.L.C. ("Investors").

(8) These Shares are held in a grantor retained annuity trust, of which Mr. Lampert is the trustee.

(9) This Form 4 is filed on behalf of Mr. Lampert, ESL Investments, Inc. ("Investments"), RBS, Partners and Investors. RBS is the general partner of Partners and the managing member of Investors. RBS Investment Management, L.L.C. ("RBSIM") is the general partner of Institutional. Investments is the general partner of RBS and CBL and the manager of RBSIM. Mr. Lampert is the Chairman, Chief Ex-ecutive Officer and Director of Investments.

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