

AUTONATION, INC.

Form 4

July 03, 2012

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1170 KANE CONCOURSE, SUITE
200

(Street)

BAY HARBOR, FL 33154

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

06/30/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	06/30/2012		J ⁽¹⁾		4,262,768	D	\$ 0 (1)
							32,367,876
							D ⁽²⁾

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)

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
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
ESL PARTNERS, L.P. 1170 KANE CONCOURSE SUITE 200 BAY HARBOR, FL 33154	X

Signatures

ESL PARTNERS, L.P., By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner, By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner, By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert, Chief Executive Officer

07/03/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) ESL Partners, L.P. ("Partners") has agreed to distribute these shares of common stock of AutoNation, Inc., par value \$0.01 per share (each, a "Share"), to limited partners of Partners in accordance with their pro rata interests in Partners. The Shares to be distributed will be contributed to limited partnerships of which RBS Partners, L.P. ("RBS") is the general partner.
- (2) In addition to being the general partner of the limited partnerships referred to above, RBS is the general partner of Partners. ESL Investments, Inc. ("Investments") is the general partner of RBS. Edward S. Lampert is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Investments. The pecuniary interest of each of RBS, Investments and Mr. Lampert will not change as a result of the transactions reported herein.

Remarks:

Pursuant to Rule 16a-1(a)(2)(ii)(B) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), the Reporting Person

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