

AUTONATION, INC.
Form SC 13D/A
January 04, 2012

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

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 32)***

AutoNation, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

05329W102

(CUSIP Number)

Amanda N. Persaud

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)

December 30, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 ESL Partners, L.P.

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

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 (b) ☐ ..
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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A
 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ..
 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	36,630,644
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	36,630,644
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 73,399,541

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

12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 52.5%

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

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4 N/A
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 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	6,526
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	6,526
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

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 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	12,692,116
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	12,692,116
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

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1 ESL Investments, Inc.

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

54,409,968

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

54,409,968

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

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1 CBL Partners, L.P.

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 PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ..
 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	5,080,682
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	5,080,682
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

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1 Tynan, LLC

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 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	83,545
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	60,956
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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1 RBS Partners, L.P.

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 PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

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 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	49,322,760
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	49,322,760
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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1 RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

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 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	6,526
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	6,526
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

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1 Edward S. Lampert

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A
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PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ..
CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 United States

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	73,037,300
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	57,802,818
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 William C. Crowley

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4 N/A
 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
 PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

5 ..
 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 UNITED STATES

		SOLE VOTING POWER
	7	362,241
NUMBER OF		SHARED VOTING POWER
SHARES	8	0
BENEFICIALLY		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
OWNED BY	9	278,579
EACH		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING	10	0
PERSON WITH		

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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This Amendment No. 32 to Schedule 13D (this “Amendment No. 32”) relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Shares”), of AutoNation, Inc. (the “Issuer”). This Amendment No. 32 supplementally amends the statement on Schedule 13D, as amended, filed by a group consisting of ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“ESL”), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“Institutional”), ESL Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“Investors”), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“Investments”), CBL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“CBL”), Tynan, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Tynan”), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (“RBS”), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (“RBSIM”), Edward S. Lampert and William C. Crowley, both United States citizens, by furnishing the information set forth below. ESL, Institutional, Investors, Investments, CBL, Tynan, RBS, RBSIM, Mr. Lampert and Mr. Crowley are collectively defined as the “Filing Persons.” Unless set forth below, 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 amended, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Filing Persons are filing this Amendment No. 32 to report: (a) a distribution of Shares on a pro rata basis to limited partners that elected in 2011 to redeem their interests in ESL; and (b) a distribution of Shares on a pro rata basis to RBS, the managing member of Investors, in connection with the restructuring of Investors and the termination of RBS’s pecuniary interest in Investors, decreasing 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 to read as follows:

(a)-(b) As of 12-30-2011, the Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 73,399,541 Shares (approximately 52.5% of the outstanding Shares based on the Issuer having 139,898,186 Shares outstanding on 10-19-2011, as disclosed in the Issuer’s last quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed 10-21-2011.

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.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	36,630,644	0	36,630,644	0
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	6,526	0	6,526	0
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	12,692,116	0	12,692,116	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	54,409,968 (2)	0	54,409,968 (2)	0
CBL Partners, L.P.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	5,080,682	0	5,080,682	0
Tynan, LLC	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	83,545	0	60,956 (3)	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	49,322,760 (4)	0	49,322,760 (4)	0
RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.	73,399,541 (1)	52.5%	6,526 (5)	0	6,526 (5)	0

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Edward S.		52.5%	73,037,300		
Lampert	73,399,541 (1)		(6)	0	57,802,818 (3) 0
William C.		52.5%			
Crowley	73,399,541 (1)		362,241 (7)	0	278,579 (3) 0

(1) This number consists of 36,630,644 Shares held by ESL, 6,526 Shares held by Institutional, 12,692,116 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,080,682 Shares held by CBL, 83,545 Shares held by Tynan, 18,627,332 Shares held by Mr. Lampert, 98,696 Shares held by Mr. Crowley and 180,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.

(2) This number consists of 36,630,644 Shares held by ESL, 6,526 Shares held by Institutional, 12,692,116 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 5,080,682 Shares held by CBL.

(3) This number excludes shares subject to the Lock-Up Agreement described herein.

(4) This number consists of 36,630,644 Shares held by ESL and 12,692,116 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors.

- (5) This number consists of 6,526 Shares held by Institutional.
- (6) This number consists of 36,630,644 Shares held by ESL, 6,526 Shares held by Institutional, 12,692,116 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,080,682 Shares held by CBL and 18,627,332 Shares held by Mr. Lampert.
- (7) This number consists of 83,545 Shares held by Tynan, 98,696 Shares held by Mr. Crowley and 180,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.
- (c) On December 30, 2011, ESL distributed 5,560,368 Shares on a pro rata basis to limited partners that elected in 2011 to redeem their interests in ESL.

On December 29, 2011, Investors distributed 190,285 Shares on a pro rata basis to RBS, the managing member of Investors (of which 186,939 Shares were then distributed to Mr. Lampert and 3,346 Shares to Mr. Crowley), in connection with the restructuring of Investors and the termination of RBS's pecuniary interest in Investors.

There have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons in the past sixty days 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: 1-3-2012

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

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

Name: Adrian J. Maizey

Title: Chief Financial Officer

ESL INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Adrian J. Maizey

Name: Adrian J. Maizey

Title: Chief Financial Officer

CBL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its general partner

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

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

EDWARD S. LAMPERT

/s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

WILLIAM C. CROWLEY

/s/ William C. Crowley

William C. Crowley