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## FORM 4

Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See

Instruction 1(b).

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> ELSON CHARLES M			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AUTOZONE INC</u> [ AZO ]		tionship of Reporting Pe all applicable) Director	rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner	
(Last) 123 SOUTH F	(First) FRONT STREET	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/01/2003		Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)	
(Street) MEMPHIS (City)	MPHIS TN 38103		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	ividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(	()		erivative Securities Acquired. Disposed of, or Bene	ficially	Owned		

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1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code ( 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s)		(Instr. 4)

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. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		and 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	12/01/2003		A		117.2		(2)	(3)	Common Stock	117.2	\$95.97	1,115.9	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Granted in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc. 2003 Director Compensation Plan.

2. Stock Appreciation Rights are convertible to Common Stock or cash immediately upon termination as a director.

3. Stock Appreciation Rights do not expire.

**Remarks:** 

## /s/ Charles M. Elson

12/01/2003

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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