FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ELSON CHARLES M						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTOZONE INC [ AZO ]								elationship o eck all applio X Directo	able)	,		
(Last) (First) (Middle) 123 SOUTH FRONT STREET					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2004									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify
(Street)  MEMPHIS  (City)	S TN (Sta	te) (Z	3103 ip)		4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	Y Form f Form f Persor	ual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)				ction 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			Juired, Disposed of  3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securiti Disposed 5)			es Acquire Of (D) (Inst	d (A) or	5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	nt of 6. C es For ally (D) Following (I) (		: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
					code v Amount (A) or Prove Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficits, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities						Ily Owned							
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		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				I Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficia Owned Following Reported Transactie (Instr. 4)	e s Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				C	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	on 1	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Appreciation Rights <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0	03/01/2004			A		124.4		(2)	(3)		Common Stock	124.4	\$90.415	1,240.	.3	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

03/01/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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