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* HYDE JOSEPH R III						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTOZONE INC [AZO]									 Relationship of Reporti (Check all applicable) Director 			Person(s) to Is	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 123 SOUTH FRONT STREET						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/29/2004									Officer (give title below)			Other below)	(specify
(Street) MEMPHIS TN 38103 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ine) X F F					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
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Common Stock 12/29					9/2004	2004			G	V	55,00	0	D	\$	0	378,010		D	
Common Stock															2,000		I	by Spouse	
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)	Execution Date, if any			Transaction Code (Instr.		of		xercis n Date ay/Ye		Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instrand 4)			8. Price Derivati Security (Instr. 5)		e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ J.R. Hyde, III

12/30/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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