

AUTONATION, INC.
Form SC 13D/A
July 26, 2010

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

SCHEDULE 13D

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 29)***

AutoNation, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

05329W102

(CUSIP Number)

Amanda N. Persaud

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to
Receive Notices and Communications)

July 22, 2010

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f), or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box: "

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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

2 (a) x
 (b) ..

SEC USE ONLY

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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)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

44,117,331

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
 SHARES
 BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY
 EACH
 REPORTING
 PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

44,117,331

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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

12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

6,704

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

6,704

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

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0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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13 55.3%

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 ESL Investors, L.L.C.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

12,882,401

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

12,882,401

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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

12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 ESL Investments, Inc.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7 62,226,590

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 62,226,590

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 CBL Partners, L.P.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7 5,220,154

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9 5,220,154

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 Tynan, LLC

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

91,242

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

62,628

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 RBS Partners, L.P.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

56,999,732

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
 SHARES
 BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY
 EACH
 REPORTING
 PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

56,999,732

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 RBS Investment Management, L.L.C.

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

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N/A

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

6,704

SHARED VOTING POWER

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

6,704

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

81,117,306

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12

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 Edward S. Lampert

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2 (a) x
 (b) ..

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SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 N/A

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

80,754,991

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
 SHARES
 BENEFICIALLY
 OWNED BY
 EACH
 REPORTING
 PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

65,520,509

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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

12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 William C. Crowley

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2 (a) x
(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)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6 UNITED STATES

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

362,315

SHARED VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON WITH

8

0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

9

272,628

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

10

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11 81,117,306

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

12 ..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13 55.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

14 IN

This Amendment No. 29 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment No. 29) relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Shares), of AutoNation, Inc. (the Issuer). This Amendment No. 29 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.

Based on the most recently disclosed number of outstanding Shares, the Filing Persons are filing this Amendment No. 29 to report an increase in their respective current beneficial ownership percentages of the Shares, resulting solely from a decrease in the number of outstanding Shares.

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 July 26, 2010, the Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 81,117,306 Shares (approximately 55.3% of the outstanding Shares based on the Issuer having 146,389,924 Shares outstanding on July 19, 2010, as disclosed in the Issuer's Current Report on Form 10-Q filed July 22, 2010, plus 210,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley).

REPORTING PERSON	NUMBER OF BENEFICIALLY OWNED SHARES	PERCENTAGE OF OUTSTANDING SHARES	SOLE VOTING POWER	SHARED VOTING POWER	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
ESL Partners, L.P.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	44,117,331	0	44,117,331	0
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	6,704	0	6,704	0
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	12,882,401	0	12,882,401	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	62,226,590 (2)	0	62,226,590 (2)	0
CBL Partners, L.P.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	5,220,154	0	5,220,154	0
Tynan, LLC	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	91,242	0	62,628 (6)	0
ESL Investment Management	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	0	0	0	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	56,999,732 (3)	0	56,999,732 (3)	0
	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	6,704 (4)	0	6,704 (4)	0

RBS Investment
Management,
L.L.C.

Edward S. Lampert	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	80,754,991 (5)	0	65,520,509 (6)	0
William C. Crowley	81,117,306 (1)	55.3%	362,315 (7)	0	272,628 (6)	0

(1) This number consists of 44,117,331 Shares held by ESL, 6,704 Shares held by Institutional, 12,882,401 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,220,154 Shares held by CBL, 91,242 Shares held by Tynan, 18,528,401 Shares held by Mr. Lampert, 61,073 Shares held by Mr. Crowley and 210,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.

(2) This number consists of 44,117,331 Shares held by ESL, 6,704 Shares held by Institutional, 12,882,401 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 5,220,154 Shares held by CBL.

(3) This number consists of 44,117,331 Shares held by ESL and 12,882,401 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors.

- (4) This number consists of 6,704 Shares held by Institutional.
 - (5) This number consists of 44,117,331 Shares held by ESL, 6,704 Shares held by Institutional, 12,882,401 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,220,154 Shares held by CBL and 18,528,401 Shares held by Mr. Lampert.
 - (6) This number excludes Shares subject to the Lock-Up Agreement described herein.
 - (7) This number consists of 91,242 Shares held by Tynan, 61,073 Shares held by Mr. Crowley and 210,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.
 - (c) Except as set forth herein, there have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons since June 30, 2010, the date of the last Amendment on Schedule 13D by the Filing Persons.
 - (d) Not applicable.
 - (e) Not applicable.
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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: July 26, 2010

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: Member

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