AUTOZONE INC Form SC 13D/A December 27, 2010

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

SCHEDULE 13D Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 34)*

AutoZone, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

053332102

(CUSIP Number)

David A. Katz

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

December 21, 2010

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1 NAME OF REPORTIN	NG PERSON		
ESL Partners, L.P.			
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1	NAME OF REPORTIN	NG PERSON				
	ESL Institutional Partn	ers, L.P.				
2 3	GROUP SEC USE ONLY					
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		8	1,535 SHARED VOTING POWER			
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1	NAME OF REPORTIN		
	ESL Investors, L.L.C.		
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			(b)
3 4	SEC USE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS		
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	Delaware	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		8	2,122,215 SHARED VOTING POWER
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	Acres Partners, L.P.					
2 3	CHECK THE APPROF GROUP SEC USE ONLY	(a) X (b) _				
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	Delaware	7	SOLE VOTING POWER			
		8	2,000,000 SHARED VOTING POWER			
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY		0			
	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
	WITH	10	2,000,000 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
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	RBS Investment Manag	gement, L.L.C.		
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	Tynan, LLC			
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		8	23,021 SHARED VOTING POWER	
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т	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
ſ	WITH	10	8,564 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
11		AGGREGATE . PERSON	0 AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EA	CH REPORTING
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	RBS Partners, L.P.				
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3 4	GROUP SEC USE ONLY SOURCE OF FUNDS N/A			(b) _	
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	Delaware	7	SOLE VOTING POWER		
		8	9,232,951 SHARED VOTING POWER		
Ν	UMBER OF SHARES		0		
т	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
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		33.8%			
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CUSIP No. 053332102 page 9 CUSIP No. 053332102 of 17 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON ESL Investments, Inc. 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a) X GROUP (b) _ SEC USE ONLY 3 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS N/A 5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR £ 2(e)CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 6 Delaware 7 SOLE VOTING POWER 11,234,486 8 SHARED VOTING POWER NUMBER OF SHARES 0 BENEFICIALLY **OWNED BY EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 9 **REPORTING PERSON** WITH 11,234,486 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 14,807,140 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES £ 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 33.8% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON 14 CO

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1	NAME OF REPORTIN				
	Edward S. Lampert				
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GROUP (b) _ 3 SEC USE ONLY 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS N/A					
5	5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) £				
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLA United States	ACE OF ORGAN	IZATION		
	United States	7	SOLE VOTING POWER		
		8	14,771,822 SHARED VOTING POWER		
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY		0		
	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
	WITH	10	12,316,362 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
11		AGGREGATE PERSON	0 AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EA	ACH REPORTING	
12		CERTAIN SHA			
13			CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN R	OW (11)	
		33.8%			
14		TYPE OF REPO IN	ORTING PERSON		

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1	NAME OF REPORTIN				
	William C. Crowley				
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GROUP (b) _ 3 SEC USE ONLY 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS N/A					
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6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLA United States	ACE OF ORGAN			
	onited states	7	SOLE VOTING POWER		
		8	35,318 SHARED VOTING POWER		
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY		0		
	OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
	WITH	10	20,861 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
11		AGGREGATE PERSON	0 AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY E	ACH REPORTING	
12		CERTAIN SHA			
13			CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN F	ROW (11)	
		33.8%			
14		TYPE OF REP IN	ORTING PERSON		

This Amendment No. 34 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Shares"), of AutoZone, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). This Amendment No. 34 amends the Schedule 13D, as previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Partners), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Partners), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Acres), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (Investors), Acres Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (Acres), RBS Investment Management, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (RBSIM), Tynan, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (Investors), ESL Investments, Inc., a Delaware corporation (Investments), Edward S. Lampert and William C. Crowley, both United States citizens, by furnishing the information set forth below. Partners, Institutional, Investors, Acres, RBSIM, Tynan, RBS, Investments, Mr. Lampert and Mr. Crowley are collectively defined as the Filing Persons. Except as otherwise specified in this Amendment, 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 previously amended, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Filing Persons are filing this Amendment No. 34 to report recent open-market sales of Shares that have decreased 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 as follows:

(a)-(b) As of December 23, 2010, the Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 14,807,140 Shares (which represents approximately 33.8% of the 43,792,440 Shares outstanding as of December 13, 2010, as disclosed in the Issuer s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 16, 2010).

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.	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	7,110,736	0	7,110,736	0
ESL Institutional			1,535		1,535	
Institutional Partners, L.P.	14,807,140 (1)			0		0

		33.8%				
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	2,122,215	0	2,122,215	0
Acres Partners, L.P.	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0
RBS Investmer Management, L.L.C.	nt 14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	1,535 (2)	0	1,535 (2)	0
Tynan, LLC	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	23,021	0	8,564 (3)	0
RBS Partners, L.P.	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	9,232,951 (4)	0	9,232,951 (4)	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	11,234,486 (5)	0	11,234,486 (5)	0
Edward S. Lampert	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	14,771,822 (6)	0	12,316,362 (3)	0
William C. Crowley	14,807,140 (1)	33.8%	35,318 (7)	0	20,861 (3)	0

(1) This number consists of 7,110,736 Shares held by Partners, 1,535 Shares held by Institutional, 2,122,215 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 2,000,000 Shares held by Acres, 23,021 Shares held by Tynan, 12,297 Shares held by Mr. Crowley, 3,502,814 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 34,522 Shares held by The Lampert Foundation (formerly known as The Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation), of which Mr. Lampert is a trustee.

(2) This number consists of 1,535 Shares held by Institutional.

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

(4) This number consists of 7,110,736 Shares held by Partners and 2,122,215 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors.

(5) This number consists of 7,110,736 Shares held by Partners, 1,535 Shares held by Institutional, 2,122,215 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 2,000,000 Shares held by Acres.

(6) This number consists of 7,110,736 Shares held by Partners, 1,535 Shares held by Institutional, 2,122,215 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 2,000,000 Shares held by Acres, 3,502,814 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 34,522 Shares held by The Lampert Foundation (formerly known as The Edward and Kinga Lampert Foundation), of which Mr. Lampert is a trustee.

(7) This number consists of 23,021 Shares held by Tynan and 12,297 Shares held by Mr. Crowley.

In addition, Mr. Crowley directly owns options, which are not exercisable in the next 60 days, to purchase 9,526 Shares.

(c) Other than as set forth in Annex A hereto, there have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons since November 1, 2010, the record 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: December 23, 2010

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its general partner

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

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

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: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., as its managing member

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

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer

ACRES PARTNERS, L.P.

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

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer

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RBS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its manager

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer

TYNAN, LLC

By: <u>/s/ William C. Crowley</u> Name: William C. Crowley Title: Manager

RBS PARTNERS, L.P.

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

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer

ESL INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Adrian J. Maizey</u>

Name: Adrian J. Maizey Title: Chief Financial Officer

EDWARD S. LAMPERT

/s/ Edward S. Lampert

WILLIAM C. CROWLEY

/s/ William C. Crowley

ANNEX A

Recent Transactions by the Filing Persons in the Securities of AutoZONE, Inc.

Entity Date of Transaction Nature of Transaction Number of Common	8 8
ESL Partners, L.P. 11/2/2010 Open Market Sales 9,02	1
ESL Partners, L.P. 11/3/2010 Open Market Sales 47,9	
ESL Partners, L.P. 11/4/2010 Open Market Sales 111,0	
ESL Partners, L.P. 11/5/2010 Open Market Sales 77,8	
ESL Partners, L.P. 12/21/2010 Open Market Sales 23,7 ESL Partners, L.P. 12/21/2010 Open Market Sales 23,7	
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	55 272.25
Account established by the 11/2/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	00 220 54
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 2,69	98 238.54
Account established by the 11/3/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	220.12
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 14,3	308 238.13
Account established by the 11/4/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	220.01
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 33,1	238.81
Account established by the 11/5/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 23,2	220 240.24
Account established by the 12/21/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	272.00
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 7,10	03 272.99
Account established by the 12/22/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 60	6 272.69
Account established by the 12/23/2010 Open Market Sales	
investment member of	
ESL Investors, L.L.C. 1,03	31 272.25
ESL Institutional Partners, 11/2/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 2	238.54
ESL Institutional Partners, 11/3/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 10	238.13
ESL Institutional Partners, 11/4/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 24	4 238.81
ESL Institutional Partners, 11/5/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 17	7 240.24
ESL Institutional Partners, 12/21/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 5	272.99
ESL Institutional Partners, 12/22/2010 Open Market Sales	
L.P. 1	
12/23/2010Open Market Sales1	272.25

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11/2/2010	Open Market Sales	4,452	238.54
11/3/2010	Open Market Sales	23,615	238.13
11/4/2010	Open Market Sales	54,705	238.81
11/5/2010	Open Market Sales	38,325	240.24
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Edward S. Lampert	12/21/2010	Open Market Sales	11,725	272.99
Edward S. Lampert	12/22/2010	Open Market Sales	1,000	272.69
Edward S. Lampert	12/23/2010	Open Market Sales	1,702	272.25
The Lampert Foundation	11/2/2010	Open Market Sales	44	238.54
The Lampert Foundation	11/3/2010	Open Market Sales	233	238.13
The Lampert Foundation	11/4/2010	Open Market Sales	539	238.81
The Lampert Foundation	11/5/2010	Open Market Sales	378	240.24
The Lampert Foundation	12/21/2010	Open Market Sales	116	272.99
The Lampert Foundation	12/22/2010	Open Market Sales	10	272.69
The Lampert Foundation	12/23/2010	Open Market Sales	17	272.25
Tynan, LLC [<u>1]</u>	11/2/2010	Open Market Sales	44	238.54
Tynan, LLC ¹	11/3/2010	Open Market Sales	238	238.13
Tynan, LLC ¹	11/4/2010	Open Market Sales	552	238.81
Tynan, LLC ¹	11/5/2010	Open Market Sales	386	240.24
Tynan, LLC ¹	12/21/2010	Open Market Sales	118	272.99
Tynan, LLC ¹	12/22/2010	Open Market Sales	10	272.69
Tynan, LLC ¹	12/23/2010	Open Market Sales	17	272.25

[1] William C. Crowley is the sole manager of and a member of Tynan, LLC.