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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 17)\*

### AutoNation, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

#### Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

### 05329W102

(CUSIP Number)

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### February 13, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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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 ("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).

1.	Names of Reporting Persons ESL Partners, L.P.					
2.	Check the Appropriate Bo (a) (b)	ox if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  x o				
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Funds (See Inst WC	Source of Funds (See Instructions) WC				
5.	Check if Disclosure of Le	egal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o				
6.	Citizenship or Place of O Delaware	rganization				
	7.	Sole Voting Power 43,410,002				
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power 0				
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 43,410,002				
013011 11111	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0				
11.	Aggregate Amount Benef 60,714,921	ficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
12.	Check if the Aggregate A	amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o				
13.	Percent of Class Represer 33.0%	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 33.0%				
14.	Type of Reporting Persor PN	n (See Instructions)				

1.	Names of Reporting Persons ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.						
2.	Check the Appropriate B (a) (b)						
3.	SEC Use Only	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Funds (See Ins N/A	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of L	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o					
6.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware						
	7.	Sole Voting Power 221,701					
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power 0					
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 221,701					
erson with	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0					
11.	Aggregate Amount Bene 60,714,921	eficially Owned by Each Reporting Person					
12.	Check if the Aggregate A	Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o					
13.	Percent of Class Represe 33.0%	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)					
14.	Type of Reporting Perso PN	n (See Instructions)					

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1.	Names of Reporting Persons ESL Investors, L.L.C.					
2.	Check the Appropriate Box (a) (b)	if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  x o				
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Lega	al Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o				
6.	Citizenship or Place of Orga Delaware	nnization				
N. J. G	7.	Sole Voting Power 8,571,514				
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power 0				
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 8,571,514				
reison with	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0				
11.	Aggregate Amount Benefici 60,714,921	ially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
12.	Check if the Aggregate Amo	ount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o				
13.	Percent of Class Represente 33.0%	d by Amount in Row (11)				
14.	Type of Reporting Person (S	See Instructions)				

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### CUSIP No. 05329W102 1. Names of Reporting Persons ESL Investments, Inc. 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) (b) SEC Use Only 3. Source of Funds (See Instructions) 4. N/A 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 7. Sole Voting Power 60,370,551 Number of Shares 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Owned by 9. Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting 60,370,551 Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11. 60,714,921 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 13. 33.0% Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 14.

1.	Names of Reporting Persons CBL Partners, L.P.						
2.	Check the Appropriate Box (a) (b)						
3.	SEC Use Only						
4.	Source of Funds (See Instr N/A	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Leg	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o					
6.	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware						
	7.	Sole Voting Power 5,712,083					
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	8.	Shared Voting Power 0					
Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 5,712,083					
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0					
11.	Aggregate Amount Benefic 60,714,921	cially Owned by Each Reporting Person					
12.	Check if the Aggregate An	nount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o					
13.	Percent of Class Represent 33.0%	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 33.0%					
14.	Type of Reporting Person PN	(See Instructions)					

### CUSIP No. 05329W102 1. Names of Reporting Persons Tynan, LLC 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (b) 3. SEC Use Only Source of Funds (See Instructions) 4. N/A 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 7. Sole Voting Power 2,406 Number of Shares 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Owned by 9. Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting 2,406 Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11. 60,714,921 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 13. 33.0% Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 14.

#### CUSIP No. 05329W102 1. Names of Reporting Persons ESL Investment Management, L.P. 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (a) (b) o 3. SEC Use Only Source of Funds (See Instructions) 4. N/A 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 7. Sole Voting Power 61,964 Number of Shares 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Owned by 9. Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting 61,964 Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11. 60,714,921 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 13. 33.0% Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 14.

### CUSIP No. 05329W102 1. Names of Reporting Persons RBS Partners, L.P. 2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions) (b) 3. SEC Use Only 4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A 5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o 6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware 7. Sole Voting Power 54,436,767 Number of Shares 8. Shared Voting Power Beneficially Owned by 9. Sole Dispositive Power Each Reporting 54,436,767 Person With 10. Shared Dispositive Power Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 11. 60,714,921 12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 13. 33.0% Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) 14.

1.	Names of Reporting Personal RBS Investment Manager					
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2.	(a) (b)	ox if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  x o				
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Le	egal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o				
6.	Citizenship or Place of O Delaware	rganization				
	7.	Sole Voting Power 221,701				
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power 0				
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 221,701				
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0				
11.	Aggregate Amount Benef	ficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
12.	Check if the Aggregate A	amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)				
13.	Percent of Class Represer 33.0%	nted by Amount in Row (11)				
14.	Type of Reporting Persor OO	n (See Instructions)				

1.	Names of Reporting Person Edward S. Lampert	ons					
2.	Check the Appropriate Bo (a) (b)	ox if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  x o					
3.	SEC Use Only						
4.	Source of Funds (See Inst N/A	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Le	gal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o					
6.	Citizenship or Place of Or United States	rganization					
	7.	Sole Voting Power 60,562,515					
Number of Shares Beneficially	8.	Shared Voting Power 0					
Owned by Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 60,562,515					
erson with	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0					
11.	Aggregate Amount Benef 60,714,921	icially Owned by Each Reporting Person					
12.	Check if the Aggregate A	mount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)	o				
13.	Percent of Class Represen	nted by Amount in Row (11)					
14.	Type of Reporting Person IN	(See Instructions)					

1.	Names of Reporting Per William C. Crowley	rsons				
2.	Check the Appropriate I (a) (b)	Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  x o				
3.	SEC Use Only					
4.	Source of Funds (See Instructions) N/A					
5.	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) o					
6.	Citizenship or Place of United States	Organization				
	7.	Sole Voting Power 152,406				
Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by	8.	Shared Voting Power 0				
Each Reporting Person With	9.	Sole Dispositive Power 152,406				
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power 0				
11.	Aggregate Amount Ben 60,714,921	eficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
12.	Check if the Aggregate	Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o				
13.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 33.0%					
14.	Type of Reporting Perso IN	on (See Instructions)				
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This Amendment No. 17 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment ) relates to shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( Shares ), of AutoNation, Inc. (the Issuer ). This Amendment No. 17 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. ( Investments ), CBL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ( ESLIM ), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ( ESLIM ), RBS Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ( RBS ), RBS Investment Management, LLC, 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, ESLIM, RBS, RBSIM, Mr. Lampert and Mr. Crowley are collectively defined in this Amendment 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.

The Filing Persons are filing this Amendment No. 17 to report that the number of Shares that they may be deemed to beneficially own has increased by an amount greater than one percent of the outstanding Shares of the Issuer.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

Item 3 is supplemented as follows:

In open market purchases on February 11, 2008, February 12, 2008 and February 13, 2008, ESL acquired an aggregate of 1,906,157 shares for aggregate consideration of approximately \$29,527,107 using working capital.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

(a)-(b) The Filing Persons may be deemed to beneficially own an aggregate of 60,714,921 Shares (approximately 33.0% of the outstanding Shares based on the Issuer having 183,963,303 Shares outstanding on October 22, 2007, as disclosed in the Issuer s last quarterly report on Form 10-Q).

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.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	43,410,002	0	43,410,002	0
	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	221,701	0	221,701	0

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ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.						
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	8,571,514	0	8,571,514	0
ESL Investments, Inc.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	60,370,551(2)	0	60,370,551(2)	0
CBL Partners, L.P.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	5,712,083	0	5,712,083	0
Tynan, LLC	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	2,406	0	2,406	0
ESL Investment						
Management, L.P.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	61,964	0	61,964	0

RBS Partners, L.P.	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	54,436,767(3)	0	54,436,767(3)	0
DDC Investment						
RBS Investment Management, LLC	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	221,701(4)	0	221,701(4)	0
Tanagement, 220	00,711,721(1)	22.070	221,701(1)		221,7 01(1)	
Edward S. Lampert	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	60,562,515(5)	0	60,562,515(5)	0
William C. Crowley	60,714,921(1)	33.0%	152,406(6)	0	152,406(6)	0

This number consists of 43,410,002 Shares held by ESL, 221,701 Shares held by Institutional, 8,571,514 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,712,083 Shares held by CBL, 2,406 Shares held by Tynan, 61,964 Shares held by ESLIM, 2,455,251 Shares held by RBS, 130,000 Shares held by Mr. Lampert and 150,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.

- (2) This number consists of 43,410,002 Shares held by ESL, 221,701 Shares held by Institutional, 8,571,514 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,712,083 Shares held by CBL and 2,455,251 Shares held by RBS.
- (3) This number consists of 43,410,002 Shares held by ESL, 8,571,514 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors and 2,455,251 Shares held by RBS.
- (4) This number consists of 221,701 Shares held by Institutional.
- (5) This number consists of 43,410,002 Shares held by ESL, 221,701 Shares held by Institutional, 8,571,514 Shares held in an account established by the investment member of Investors, 5,712,083 Shares held by CBL, 61,964 Shares held by ESLIM, 2,455,251 Shares held by RBS and 130,000 Shares held by Mr. Lampert.
- (6) This number consists of 2,406 Shares held by Tynan and 150,000 Shares issuable upon the exercise of director stock options held by Mr. Crowley.
- (c) Other than as set forth in Annex A hereto, there have been no transactions in Shares by any of the Filing Persons since December 13, 2007, the date of the last Amendment on Schedule 13D by the Filing Persons.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

#### **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: February 15, 2008

#### ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

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

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

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name Theodore W. Ullyot Title: EVP & General Counsel

#### 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/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot Title: EVP & General Counsel

### ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

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

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

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot Title: EVP & General Counsel

#### ESL INVESTMENTS, INC.

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot Title: EVP & General Counsel

CBL PARTNERS, L.P.

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

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot

Title: EVP & General Counsel

TYNAN, LLC

By: /s/ William C. Crowley

Name: William C. Crowley

Title: Member

ESL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: ESL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT (GP), L.L.C., its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Name: Edward S. Lampert Title: Managing Member

RBS PARTNERS, L.P.

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

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot
Title: EVP & General Counsel

RBS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., as its manager

By: /s/ Theodore W. Ullyot

Name: Theodore W. Ullyot Title: EVP & General Counsel

EDWARD S. LAMPERT

/s/ Edward S. Lampert Edward S. Lampert

WILLIAM C. CROWLEY

/s/ William C. Crowley William C. Crowley

RECENT TRANSACTIONS BY THE FILING PERSONS IN THE SECURITIES OF AUTONATION, INC.

ANNEX A

Entity	Date of Transaction	Nature of Transaction	Number of Shares of Common Stock	Price per Share
ESL Partners, L.P.		open market	or common stock	Simic
ESE Turmers, Err	2/11/2000	purchase	3,300	\$15.18
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market	2,2 3 2	7-2-1-0
		purchase	5,700	\$15.19
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market	- 7	
,		purchase	77,600	\$15.20
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market	,	·
,		purchase	2,300	\$15.22
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	200	\$15.24
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	59,200	\$15.25
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	6,100	\$15.27
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	2,400	\$15.40
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	5,752	\$15.41
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	7,698	\$15.42
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	2,600	\$15.43
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	750	\$15.44
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	16,661	\$15.45
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	34,700	\$15.46
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	27,622	\$15.47
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	13,000	\$15.48
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	10,600	\$15.49
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/11/2008	open market		
		purchase	135,874	\$15.50

ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market		
2021 and 2010	<b>2</b> /1 <b>2</b> /2000	purchase	56,000	\$15.50
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market	,	7-2-12-3
2021 and 200	<b>2</b> /1 <b>2</b> /2000	purchase	70,100	\$15.51
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market	,	7
		purchase	14,100	\$15.52
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market	,	,
		purchase	6,200	\$15.53
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market	-,	,
		purchase	1,300	\$15.54
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/12/2008	open market	,	
,		purchase	715,300	\$15.55
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market	,	
,		purchase	20,200	\$15.40
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market	,	
		purchase	1,200	\$15.41
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	2,400	\$15.42
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	53,100	\$15.44
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	159,200	\$15.45
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	48,100	\$15.46
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	30,000	\$15.47
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	30,900	\$15.48
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	2,900	\$15.49
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	89,700	\$15.50
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	1,300	\$15.53
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	100	\$15.54
ESL Partners, L.P.	2/13/2008	open market		
		purchase	192,000	\$15.55