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

SCHEDULE 13D (AMENDMENT NO. 12)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

AutoZone, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)
053332-10-2
(CUSIP Number)
Janice V. Sharry, Esq. Haynes and Boone, LLP 901 Main Street, Suite 3100 Dallas, Texas 75202 (214) 651-5562
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
December 6, 2001
(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 Sections 240.13d-1(e), (f) or (g), check the following box 9.

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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).

SCHEDULE 13D

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CUSIP No.	053332-10-2			
1	NAME OF REPORTING PER		N NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
	ESL Partners 22-2875193	s, L.P.		
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	E BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [X] (b) []
3	SEC USE ONLY			
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
	WC			
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSU TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)		EGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIR	ED PURSUANT
	N/A			
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE	OF ORGA	NIZATION	
	Delaware			
		7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
			14,187,369	
	NUMBER OF SHARES	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		0	
	EACH REPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	PERSON WITH		14,187,369	
		10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POW	 ER
			0	
	11 AGGREGATE AMOUN	T BENEF	ICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPO	 RTING PERSON
	29,342,26	55		
	12 CHECK BOX IF TH CERTAIN SHARES	HE AGGRE	GATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EX	CLUDES
	N/A			

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 27.22% (1) ______ 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN _____ (1) Based on 107,807,339 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of October 15, 2001, as disclosed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended August 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2001. CUSIP No. 053332-10-2 ______ 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X] (b) [] SEC USE ONLY ______ 4 SOURCE OF FUNDS WC CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) N/A 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Bermuda 7 SOLE VOTING POWER 3,149,422 NUMBER OF 8 SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY

> REPORTING PERSON WITH

9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,149,422

				10	SHARED	DISPOSIT	VE POWER	
					0			
		11	AGGREGATE AMOU		CIALLY OW	INED BY EAC	CH REPORT	ING PERSON
		12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES		ATE AMOUN	IT IN ROW	(11) EXCL	UDES []
			N/A					
		13	PERCENT OF CLA	SS REPRES	ENTED BY	AMOUNT IN	ROW (11)	
			27.22% (1)				
		14	TYPE OF REPORT	ING PERSO	1 			
			CO					
 CUSI	P No. 05	 3332–1	.0-2					
	1		OF REPORTING PE		NO. OF A	BOVE PERSO		
			ESL Institu partnership 06-1456821		rtners, I	.P., a Del	laware li	mited
	2	CHECK	THE APPROPRIAT	E BOX IF	A MEMBER	OF A GROUE)	(a) [X] (b) []
	3	SEC U	JSE ONLY					
	4	SOURC	CE OF FUNDS					
			WC					

N/A

	6 CITI	ZENSHIP OR PLACE C	OF ORGAI	NIZATION
		Delaware		
			7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	MIMDED	OF		472 , 997
	NUMBER SHARE	S	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
	BENEFICI OWNED	ВУ		0
	EACH REPORTI	NG	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	PERSO WITH			472 , 997
			10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
				0
	11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT	BENEF	CIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
		29,342,265	5	
	12	CHECK BOX IF THE CERTAIN SHARES	E AGGRE	GATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
		N/A		
	13	PERCENT OF CLASS	REPRE	SENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
		27.22% (1)		
	14	TYPE OF REPORTIN	NG PERS	
		PN		
(1)	October 15, 2	001, as disclosed	in the	stock issued and outstanding as of Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on November 16,
CUSI	P No. 053332-	 10-2 		
		OF REPORTING PERS		NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
		ESL Investors company 13-4095958	s, L.L.	C., a Delaware limited liability

2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X (b) [
3	SEC USE (DNLY				
4	SOURCE OF	F FUNDS				
		WC				
5		(IF DISCLOSURE 2(d) OR 2(e)	OF LE	GAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED :	PURSUA	ANT []
		N/A				
6	CITIZENS	HIP OR PLACE OF	'ORGAN	IZATION		
		Delaware				
			7	SOLE VOTING POWER		
	NIIMBED OF			1,521,365		
	NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY		8	SHARED VOTING POWER		
				0		
	EACH REPORTING PERSON		9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
	WITH			1,521,365		
			10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
				0		
	11 AG0	GREGATE AMOUNT	BENEFI	CIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTI	NG PEF	RSON
		29,342,265				
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	13 PEI	RCENT OF CLASS	REPRES	ENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)		
		27.22% (1)				
	14 TYI	PE OF REPORTING	PERSO			
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(1) Based on 107,807,339 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of October 15, 2001, as disclosed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended August 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2001.

CUSIP No.	053332-10-2	
1	NAME OF REPORTING PER	SON FICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
	Acres Partne 06-1458694	ers, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE	BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X] (b) []
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS	
	WC	
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSU TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)	RE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT
	N/A	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE	OF ORGANIZATION
	Delaware	
		7 SOLE VOTING POWER
		8,395,557
	NUMBER OF SHARES	8 SHARED VOTING POWER
	BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	0
	EACH REPORTING	9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	PERSON WITH	8,395,557
		10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		0
	11 AGGREGATE AMOUN	T BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
	29,342,26	55
	12 CHECK BOX IF TH CERTAIN SHARES	E AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
	N/A	

27.22% (1)

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		14 TYPE OF REPO	RTING PERSO	NO	
		PN			
(1)	October	15, 2001, as disclo	sed in the	stock issued and outstand Issuer's Annual Report on filed with the SEC on No	Form 10-K
 CUSI	P No. 0	53332-10-2			
	1	NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. IDE		NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
		Marion Pa 06-152765		o., a Delaware limited par	tnership
	2	CHECK THE APPROPRI	ATE BOX IF	A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [X] (b) []
	3	SEC USE ONLY			
	4	SOURCE OF FUNDS			
	5	CHECK BOX IF DISCI TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2		GAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIR	ED PURSUANT
	6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLA	CE OF ORGAN	UIZATION	
		Delaware			
			7	SOLE VOTING POWER	
		NUMBER OF		1,124,840	
		SHARES SNEFICIALLY	8	SHARED VOTING POWER	
	בכו	OWNED BY EACH		0	
	R	EPORTING	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		PERSON WITH		1,124,840	
			10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POW	 ER

			0	
		11 A	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTI	NG PERSON
			29,342,265	
			CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLU	DES
			N/A	
		13 F	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
			27.22% (1)	
		14 T	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON	
			PN	
 CUSII	P No. 05	3332-10-		
	1		T REPORTING PERSON	
		5.5. OF	Blue Macaw Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited pa. 06-1573985	rtnership
	2	CHECK T	THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [X] (b) []
	3	SEC USE	E ONLY	
	4	SOURCE	OF FUNDS	

	5		WC 	
			WC BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED : MS 2(d) OR 2(e)	PURSUANT
			BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED	

Delaware

	NUMBER OF SHARES		7 SOLE VOTING POWER	
			488,350	
			8 SHARED VOTING POWER	
	OW	FICIALLY NED BY	0	
	REP	EACH ORTING	9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		ERSON WITH	488,350	
			10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
			0	
		11 AGGREGATE A	AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTI	NG PERSON
		29,34	42,265	
		12 CHECK BOX CERTAIN SHA	IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLU ARES	DES
		N/A		
		13 PERCENT OF	CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)	
		27.22	2% (1) 	
		14 TYPE OF REI	PORTING PERSON	
		PN		
(1) CUS:	October 1	5, 2001, as disc l year ended Augu	es of common stock issued and outstanding losed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Foust 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on Novem	rm 10-K
		NAME OF REPORTING S.S. OR I.R.S. II	DENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON	
		Edward S	S. Lampert	
	2		RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a) [X] (b) []
	3	SEC USE ONLY		
	4	SOURCE OF FUNDS		

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e) N/A ._____ 6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S. 7 SOLE VOTING POWER 2,365 NUMBER OF 8 SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 EACH REPORTING 9 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON 2,365 WITH 10 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 0 _____ _____ 11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 29,342,265 ______ 12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [] N/A 13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 27.22% (1) 14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON ΙN

(1) Based on 107,807,339 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of October 15, 2001, as disclosed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended August 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2001.

This Amendment No. 12 to Schedule 13D (this "Amendment") amends and supplements the Schedule 13D (as previously amended) filed by ESL Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("ESL"), ESL Limited, a Bermuda corporation

("Limited"), ESL Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Institutional"), ESL Investors, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Investors"), Acres Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Acres"), Marion Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Marion"), Blue Macaw Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Blue Macaw") and Edward S. Lampert, a U.S. citizen ("Mr. Lampert"), by furnishing the information set forth below. ESL, Limited, Institutional, Investors, Acres, Marion, Blue Macaw and Mr. Lampert 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 previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

ITEM 3. SOURCE AND AMOUNT OF FUNDS OR OTHER CONSIDERATION.

Item 3 is hereby amended as follows:

Mr. Lampert, a director of the Issuer, owns an aggregate of 2,365 Shares, which he received directly from the Issuer pursuant to the Issuer's director compensation plan.

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION.

Item 4 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

On December 6, 2001 the Filing Persons sold 1,345,000 Shares in the aggregate in accordance with the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), provided by Rule 144 ("Rule 144"). Following this transaction, the Filing Persons continue to hold 29,342,265 Shares which is approximately 27.22% of the shares outstanding as of October 15, 2001 as disclosed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2001.

The Filing Persons initially purchased Shares in 1997. The Filing Persons conducted this sale as a means of diversifying its portfolio holdings. Edward S. Lampert, a member of the Filing Persons, continues to serve as a Director of the Issuer.

ESL Investments, Inc., on behalf of itself and its affiliates (including the Filing Persons) entered into a letter agreement, dated October 10, 2000, with the Issuer in connection with the Board of Directors' decision to terminate a rights plan which was adopted earlier that year. This letter agreement provides that to the extent the Filing Persons acquire additional shares of the Company after October 20, 2000 (the date the rights plan expired) and before April 1, 2004, the Filing Persons have agreed to not vote (or issue written consents with respect to) such shares prior to April 1, 2004, unless the Board of Directors otherwise permits. The Filing Persons are currently entitled to vote 20,781,902 shares or 19.28% of the shares, which were reported as outstanding as of October 15, 2001.

The Filing Persons intend to review on a continuing basis their investment in the Issuer. Depending upon the factors discussed below, the Filing Persons may acquire additional Shares; may sell all or part of their Shares, pursuant to Rule 144, in privately negotiated transactions, or in sales registered under the 1933 Act; may distribute Shares to various of its partners; or may engage in any combination of the foregoing. Further, the Filing Persons may enter into derivative transactions or alternative structures with respect to the Shares. Any open market or privately negotiated purchases, sales, distributions or other transactions may be made at any time without additional prior notice.

Any alternative that the Filing Persons may pursue will depend upon a variety of factors, including without limitation, current and anticipated future trading prices of the Shares, the financial condition, results of operations and prospects of the Issuer and general economic, financial market and industry conditions, other investment and business opportunities available to the Filing Persons, general stock market and economic conditions, tax considerations and other factors.

Although the foregoing reflects activities presently contemplated by the Filing Persons with respect to the Issuer, the foregoing is subject to change at any time, and there can be no assurance that any of the Filing Persons will take any of the actions set forth above. Except as set forth above, the Filing Persons have no plans or proposals with respect to any of the matters set forth in paragraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

Item 5 is hereby amended in its entirety as follows:

(a) Pursuant to that certain Joint Filing Agreement, entered into by and among the Filing Persons, dated as of January 29, 2001 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 1 to Amendment No. 7 to Schedule 13D, filed on January 29, 2001), each of ESL, Limited, Institutional, Investors, Acres, Marion, Blue Macaw and Mr. Lampert may be deemed to beneficially own 29,342,265 Shares (which is approximately 27.22% of the Shares outstanding as of October 15, 2001, as disclosed in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 25, 2001, filed with the SEC on November 16, 2001.).

(b)

	Sole Voting	Shared Voting	Sole Dispositive
	Power	Power	Power
ESL Partners, L.P.	14,187,369	0	14,187,36
ESL Limited	3,149,422	0	3,149,42
ESL Institutional Partners, L.P.	472 , 997	0	472 , 99
ESL Investors, L.L.C.	1,521,365	0	1,521,36
Acres Partners, L.P.	8,395,557	0	8,395,55
Marion Partners, L.P.	1,124,840	0	1,124,84
Blue Macaw Partners, L. P.	488,350	0	488,35
Edward S. Lampert	2,365	0	2,36

(c) Since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D, the only transactions in the Shares by Mr. Lampert were an additional 441 Shares issued to Mr. Lampert pursuant to Mr. Lampert's role as a director of the Issuer since December 9, 1999, and pursuant to the Issuer's director compensation plan. Since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D, there have been no other transactions in the Shares by any of the Filing Persons, other than as set forth in this Item 5 and in Schedule A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this Amendment is true, complete and correct.

Date: December 6, 2001

ESL PARTNERS, L.P.

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

By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

Chairman

ESL LIMITED

By: ESL Investment Management, LLC, its investment manager

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert Managing Member

ESL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: RBS Investment Management, LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert Managing Member

ESL INVESTORS, L.L.C.

By: RBS Partners, L.P., its manager

By: ESL Investments, Inc., its

general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

Chairman

ACRES PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

Chairman

MARION PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., its
 general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

Chairman

BLUE MACAW PARTNERS, L.P.

By: ESL Investments, Inc., its
 general partner

By: /s/ Edward S. Lampert

Edward S. Lampert

Chairman

/s/ Edward S. Lampert
-----EDWARD S. LAMPERT

SCHEDULE A

TRANSACTIONS IN THE SHARES IN THE PAST SIXTY DAYS OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D

IN THE PAST 60 DAYS OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D BY THE FILING PERSONS, THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE SHARES BY ESL WERE:

	Shares	Price
Date of Sale	Sold	Per Share
12/06/01	581 , 650	\$77.6645

IN THE PAST 60 DAYS OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D BY THE FILING PERSONS, THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE SHARES BY LIMITED WERE:

	Shares	Price
Date of Sale	Sold	Per Share
12/06/01	330,577	\$77.6645

IN THE PAST 60 DAYS OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D BY THE FILING PERSONS, THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE SHARES BY INSTITUTIONAL WERE:

	Shares	Price
Date of Sale	Sold	Per Share
12/06/01	32,560	\$77.6645

IN THE PAST 60 DAYS OR SINCE THE MOST RECENT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13D BY THE FILING PERSONS, THE ONLY TRANSACTIONS IN THE SHARES BY ACRES WERE:

	Shares	Price
Date of Sale	Sold	Per Share
12/06/01	400,213	\$77.6645