



## **AutoZone Completes Purchase of ABC Discount Auto Parts**

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr 14, 2004 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE: AZO), today announced it completed the purchase of selected assets of ABC Discount Auto Parts located in Southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. The asset purchase of 12 stores, previously owned by Lou and Carla Fishman, fits perfectly with AutoZone's desire to develop market areas through asset acquisitions where the company currently is under-penetrated. Mr. Fishman noted, "I am pleased to transition my family's business to AutoZone as well as provide an employment opportunity to my staff. Started in 1957, ABC has grown to be a leader in the community, and we are excited to further that leadership with AutoZone."

Michael Archbold, AutoZone's Chief Financial Officer stated, "This is a great opportunity for us to grow in the Philadelphia and New Jersey markets with the addition of these stores."

As of February 14, 2004, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,299 AutoZone stores in 48 states plus the District of Columbia in the U.S. and 55 AutoZone stores in Mexico and also sells the ALLDATA brand diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information and auto and light truck parts through [www.autozone.com](http://www.autozone.com).

Certain statements contained in this press release are forward-looking statements. These statements discuss, among other things, business strategies and future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, without limitation, competition, product demand, the economy, inflation, gasoline prices, consumer debt levels, war and the prospect of war, including terrorist activity, and the availability of commercial transportation. Actual results may materially differ from anticipated results. Please refer to the Risk Factors section of AutoZone's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 30, 2003, for more information related to those risks. AutoZone undertakes no obligation to publicly release any revisions to any forward-looking statements contained in this press release to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this release or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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