## FORM 4

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Graves William W</u>         |   |  |        |            |                              | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol AUTOZONE INC [ AZO ] |   |       |  |   |                 |   |                                | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne |   |  |  | vner   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--------|------------|------------------------------|---|---|-------|--|---|-----------------|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | ast) (First) (Middle) 3 SOUTH FRONT STREET                            |  |        |            |                              | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/2012             |   |       |  |   |                 |   |                                | X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Senior Vice President                          |   |  |  |  | респу  |  |
|  | MEMPHIS TN 38103  |  |        |            | -   4. II                    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                |   |       |  |   |                 |   |                                | 6. Indiv<br>Line)<br>X   | '   |  |  |  |  |  |
| (City)   |   |  |        |            |                              |   | tive Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Benefic |       |  |   |                 |   |                                |  | oially Owned                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yes      |   |  |        |            |                              | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,   |   | 3.    |  | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and |                 |   |                                | 5. Amor<br>Securiti<br>Benefic<br>Owned  | unt of<br>ies<br>:ially<br>Following      | Form<br>(D) o  | n: Direct<br>or Indirect   I<br>nstr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |  |  |
|  |   |  |        |            |                              |   |   |       | Code   | v   | Amount          | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price                          |  | Reporte<br>Transac<br>(Instr. 3           | ction(s)   |  | [  | (Instr. 4)   |  |
| Common Stock 01/06/2012  |   |  |        |            |                              | 2   |   |       | M  |   | 6,500           | Α   | \$8                            | 32   | 8,47                                      | 73.8113  |  | D  |  |  |
| Common Stock 01/06/2012  |   |  |        |            | )12                          | 2   |   |       | S  |   | 6,500           | D   | \$338.4                        | 3.4222(1)  |   | 73.8113  |  | D  |  |  |
|  |   | Т  | able   |            |                              |   |   |       |  |   | sposed of       |   |                                |  | wned                                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                      | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | if any | tion Date, | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   |   |       | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Di<br>(Month/Day/) |   | ate             | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                | De<br>Se<br>(In  | Price of<br>rivative<br>curity<br>str. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | i C                                      | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |   |  |        |            | Code                         | v   | (A)   | (D)   | Date<br>Exerc                                  | cisable   | Expiration Date | Title   | Amo<br>or<br>Num<br>of<br>Shar | ber  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-<br>Qualified<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$82  | 01/06/2012                                 |        |            | М                            |   |   | 6,500 |  | (3)   | 10/16/2015      | Commo<br>Stock  |                                | 00 \$  | 0.0000                                    | 0.0000   |  | D  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This price represents the weighted average price per share of common Stock of AutoZone, Inc. (the "Issuer"), par value \$0.01 per share (each a "Share"), of sales that were executed at prices ranging from \$338.18 - \$338.64 per Share. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide, upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the Issuer or a security holder of the Issuer, full information regarding the number of Shares sold at each price.
- 2. Granted in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc. 1996 Stock Option Plan.
- 3. Options are exercisable in one-fourth increments on October 15, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively.

William W. Graves 01/06/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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