UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 FORM 4 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP () Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instructions 1(b). 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Charles M. Elson 123 South Front Street TN, Memphis 38103 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AutoZone, Inc. (AZO) 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year 1/1/2003

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

- Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) (X) Director () 10% Owner () Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below)
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security | 2. 3. 4 | Securities Acquired (A) | I | 5.Amount of | 6.Dir 7.Nature of Indirect ect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
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| | Transaction | or Disposed of (D) | | Securities | | | | |
| | | | | Beneficially | (D)or | | | |
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| | Date Code V | Amount D | Price | End of Month | ect(I) | | | |
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| 1.Title of Derivative | 2.Con- | 3. | 4. | 5.Number o | f De | 6.Date Exer 7 | 7.Title and Amount | 8.Price | 9.Number | 10. | 11.Nature of |
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| Security | version | Trans | action | rivative | Secu | cisable and | of Underlying | of Deri | of Deriva | Dir | Indirect |
| - | or Exer | İ | 1 | rities Ac | qui | Expiration | Securities | vative | tive | ect | Beneficial |
| | cise | | | red(A) or | Dis | Date(Month/ | | Secu | Securities | (D) | Ownership |
| | Price of | | | posed of(| D) | Day/Year) | | rity | Benefi | or | |
| | Deriva- | | | | | Date Expir | | | ficially | Ind | |
| | tive | | | | A/ | ' Exer- ation | Title and Number | | Owned at | ire | |
| | Secu- | | | | D | cisa- Date | of Shares | | End of | ct | |
| | rity | Date | Code | / Amount | | ble | | I | Month | (I) | |
| lon-Qualified Stock Op | 71.175 | 1/1/ | A | 3000 | A | 1/1/0 01/01 0 | Common Stock 3000 | I | 3000 | D | |
| ion (right to buy) 1 | i | 2003 | i i | i | i | 6 /13 | İ | i | i | i i | |
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Explanation of Responses:

1. Granted in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc. 2003 Director Stock Option Plan.