

FORM 8-K

Current Report Pursuant
to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

February 18, 2003

Date of Report
(Date of earliest event reported)

AUTOZONE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-10714
(Commission File Number)

62-1482048
I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

123 South Front Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(901) 495-6500
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(not applicable)
Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (c) Exhibits
99.1 Press Release dated February 18, 2003.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 18, 2003, the company made the announcements contained in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

AUTOZONE, INC.

By: /s/ Michael G. Archbold

Michael G. Archbold
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer-Customer Satisfaction

Dated: February 19, 2003

News:

For immediate release

AUTOZONE ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER SALES

Memphis, Tenn. (February 18, 2003) -- AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE symbol: AZO), today announced, for the second fiscal quarter ended February 15, 2003, total same store sales of 2.4%, retail same store sales of (0.6%), and commercial same store sales of 29.2% versus a year ago. The company continues to expect earnings of approximately \$0.77 to \$0.79 per share for the second quarter. This compares to \$0.58 per share in the second quarter of fiscal 2002, for an increase of approximately 33-36%. AutoZone expects to release final results for the quarter on March 4, 2003, followed by a conference call on March 5, 2003.

"We are pleased with our solid performance through the second quarter, even as we anniversary 12% same store sales increases from the prior year," said Steve Odland, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "The 29% sales increase in our AZ Commercial business reflects our commercial customers' positive response to our efforts. Additionally, we are excited about our new advertising initiatives. Successfully tested television messaging will now complement our 'Get in the Zone' radio advertising as a means to further reach our customers. This marks a return to the television medium after a hiatus since July 2001."

During the quarter, AutoZone opened 30 new stores, replaced 3 stores and closed 6 stores in the U.S. and opened 1 new store in Mexico. As of February 15, 2003, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,122 AutoZone stores in 44 states plus the District of Columbia in the U.S. and 41 AutoZone stores in Mexico and also sells the ALLDATA brand automotive diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information through www.alldatadiy.com, and auto and light truck parts through www.autozone.com.

Certain statements contained in this press release are forward-looking statements. These statements discuss, among other things, estimates of financial results, business strategies and future performance. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, without limitation, accuracy of estimates, competition, product demand, the economy, inflation, gasoline prices, consumer debt levels, war and the prospect of war, including terrorist activity, and 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 31, 2002, 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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