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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HYDE JOSEPH R III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

AUTOZONE INC [AZO]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

123 SOUTH FRONT STREET

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

01/01/2005

below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

MEMPHIS, TN 38103

Security

(Instr. 3)

(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 5. Number 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 4. Derivative Conversion (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction Derivative **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Security or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired

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Derivative (A) or Security Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title

Exercisable Date

or Number

of Shares

Amount

Non

Qualified

Stock Option \$ 90.455 01/01/2005 A 3,000 01/01/2008 01/01/2015 Common Stock 3,000

(right to buy) (1)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HYDE JOSEPH R III 123 SOUTH FRONT STREET X MEMPHIS, TN 38103

Signatures

/s/ J.R. Hyde, III 01/03/2005

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Granted in accordance with the AutoZone, Inc. 2003 Director Stock Option Plan.

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