

AUTOZONE INC
Form 8-K
July 02, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

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

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 2, 2009 (June 29, 2009)
AUTOZONE, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Nevada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

1-10714
(Commission File
Number)

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

123 South Front Street
Memphis, Tennessee
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

38103
(Zip Code)

(901) 495-6500

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - Pre-commencement communication pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On July 2, 2009, AutoZone, Inc. (the Company) completed the sale of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of its 5.750% Notes due 2015 (the Notes). The Notes bear interest at a fixed rate equal to 5.750% per year, payable semi-annually.

The Notes were sold pursuant to an underwriting agreement (the Underwriting Agreement) dated June 29, 2009 among the Company, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and agreements of the Company and customary conditions to closing, indemnification rights and obligations of the parties and termination provisions. The Notes were issued pursuant to an Indenture dated as of August 8, 2003 (the

Indenture), between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor in interest to Bank One Trust Company, N.A., as trustee, and were offered and sold pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on July 29, 2008, on Form S-3 (File No. 333-152592), as supplemented by a prospectus supplement dated June 29, 2009, filed with the Commission on June 30, 2009. Pursuant to the Indenture, the Company entered into an Officers Certificate (the Officers Certificate) setting forth the terms of the Notes.

The Company will pay interest on the Notes on January 15 and July 15 each year, beginning January 15, 2010. The Notes will mature on January 15, 2015. The Notes will be senior unsecured debt obligations of the Company and will rank equally with the Company's other senior unsecured liabilities and senior to any future subordinated indebtedness of the Company. The Notes are subject to customary covenants restricting the Company's ability, subject to certain exceptions, to incur debt secured by liens, to enter into sale and leaseback transactions or to merge or consolidate with another entity or sell substantially all of its assets to another person. The Indenture provides for customary events of default and further provides that the trustee or the holders of 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding series of Notes may declare such Notes immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of any event of default after expiration of any applicable grace period.

The Company may redeem the Notes at the Company's option, at any time in whole or from time to time in part, on not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices described in the Indenture. If a change of control, as defined in the Officers Certificate, occurs, unless the Company has exercised its option to redeem the Notes, holders of the Notes may require the Company to repurchase the Notes at the prices described in the Officers Certificate. The interest rate payable on the Notes will be subject to adjustment from time to time if the rating assigned to the Notes is downgraded (or subsequently upgraded), as set forth in the Officers Certificate.

The above description of the Underwriting Agreement, the Officers Certificate and the Notes is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Underwriting Agreement, the Officers Certificate pursuant to the Indenture setting forth the terms of the Notes, and the form of Note, each of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1.1, 4.1, 4.2, respectively.

ITEM 2.03. CREATION OF A DIRECT FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OR AN OBLIGATION UNDER AN OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENT OF A REGISTRANT.

The information set forth under Item 1.01 above with respect to the Notes is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03, insofar as it relates to the creation of a direct financial obligation.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits. The following exhibits are furnished herewith:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 1.1 | Underwriting Agreement, dated June 29, 2009, among the Company, J.P. Morgan Securities Inc. and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, as representatives of the several underwriters named therein. |
| 4.1 | Officers Certificate for the Notes, pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Indenture, dated July 2, 2009, setting forth the terms of the Notes. |
| 4.2 | Form of 5.750% Note due 2015. |

SIGNATURE

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, hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: July 2, 2009

AUTOZONE, INC.

By: /s/ Harry L. Goldsmith

Name: Harry L. Goldsmith

Title: Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Secretary

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