

AUTONATION INC /FL  
Form 8-K  
October 28, 2004

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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) October 28, 2004

**AUTONATION, INC.**

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(Exact Name Of Registrant As Specified In Its Charter)

DELAWARE

1-13107

73-1105145

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(State Or Other Jurisdiction  
Of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

110 S.E. 6th Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301

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(Address Of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code (954) 769-6000

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(Former Name Or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report)

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

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 28, 2004, AutoNation, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the press release and related quarterly financial data supplement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section or Section 11 or 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated October 28, 2004 issued by AutoNation, Inc. and Related Quarterly Financial Data Supplement for the quarter ended September 30, 2004.

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AUTONATION, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando  
Jonathan P. Ferrando  
Senior Vice President,  
General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: October 28, 2004

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| <u>Exhibit<br/>Number</u> | <u>Exhibit<br/>Description</u>  |
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