

AUTONATION, INC.  
Form 8-K  
October 20, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 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) October 20, 2011

AutoNation, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation)<br>200 SW 1st Ave<br>Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301<br>(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)<br>Registrant's telephone number, including area code (954) 769-6000 | 1-13107<br>(Commission<br>File Number) | 73-1105145<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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(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):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - .. 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 20, 2011, AutoNation, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished as part of this report:

99.1 Press Release of AutoNation, Inc. dated October 20, 2011 regarding results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2011.

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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.

Date: October 20, 2011

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