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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE 13D Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 23)* AutoNation, Inc.

(Name of Issuer) Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

> (Title of Class of Securities) 05329W102

(CUSIP Number)
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(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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CUSIP No. Page 29 05329W102 of NAME OF REPORTING PERSON 1 ESL Partners, L.P. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) þ (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 SOURCE OF FUNDS 4 WC CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e) 5 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 6 Delaware **SOLE VOTING POWER** 7 NUMBER OF 57,266,154 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY 8 OWNED BY 0 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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