

AUTONATION INC /FL  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2006

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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):

March 24, 2006

AutoNation, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-13107

73-1105145

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

110 SE 6th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

33301

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(954) 769-6000

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:

- 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 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 24, 2006, AutoNation, Inc. issued a press release announcing a preliminary earnings estimate for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and its contents are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release, dated March 24, 2006, issued by AutoNation, Inc. announcing a preliminary earnings estimate for the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2006.

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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.

March 24, 2006

By: */s/ Jonathan P. Ferrando*

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*Name: Jonathan P. Ferrando*  
*Title: Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary*

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