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### AutoZone's OPS Ranking Upgraded by StockDiagnostics.com

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Sarasota, FL, March 20, 2006-AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE:AZO) reported positive OPS (Operational-cashflow Per Share) for its quarter ended February 28, 2006 and StockDiagnostics.com has upgraded its OPS Ranking to "1" from its previous OPS Ranking of "2". AutoZone's OPS Ranking of "1" is its highest over its previous year.

The OPS Ranking™ upgrade was based on AutoZone's recently filed Cash Flow Statements for its quarter ended February 28, 2006. The company's computed OPS™ (Operational-cashflow Per Share) for the quarter was \$0.93 per share as compared to \$-0.15 per share for the comparable year earlier quarter. OPS for the most recent 12 months ended February 28, 2006 was \$9.65 per share as compared to \$6.95 per share for the 12 months ended February 28, 2005. OPS for AutoZone's trailing twelve months reached a nine year high.

The shares of AutoZone were recently trading at \$97.22 which is within 7% of their ten year high of \$103.94 on August 3, 2005.

StockDiagnostics.com has issued 439 OPS Ranking upgrades for 2006. This compares with 412 OPS Ranking upgrades in the same period last year. For all of 2005, there were 3493 OPS Ranking upgrades.

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