## FORM 8-K

## Current Report Pursuant

 to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported) December 2, 1997

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

## California

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

333-25301
(Commission File Number)

2 Ada, Irvine, California
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(714) 753-6800
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Item 5. Other Events.
The Registrant is filing final forms of the exhibits listed in Item 7(c) below.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.
(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit
No.
Document Description
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20.1

Computational Material

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.

CONSUMER PORTFOLIO SERVICES, INC.,
as Originator of the Trust (Registrant)

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Fritz
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Senior Vice President
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## PAINEWEBBER INCORPORATED

## PRELIMINARY BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CPS AUTO RECEIVABLES TRUST 1997-5
DISCLAIMER

The information included herein is produced and provided exclusively by PaineWebber Incorporated ('PW') as underwriter for the CPS Auto Receivables Trust 1997-5, and not by or as agent for CPS Receivables Corp. or any of its affiliates (collectively, the 'Seller'). The Seller has not reviewed or participated in the preparation hereof, and is not responsible for the accuracy hereof and has not authorized the dissemination hereof. The analysis in this report is accurate to the best of PW's knowledge and is based on information provided by the Seller. PW makes no representations as to the accuracy of such information provided by the Seller.

The information herein is preliminary, and will be superseded by the applicable prospectus supplement and prospectus and by any other information subsequently filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All opinions and conclusions in this report reflect PW's judgment as of this date and are subject to change. All analyses are based on certain assumptions noted herein and different assumptions could yield substantially different results. You are cautioned that there is no universally accepted method for analyzing financial instruments. You should review the assumptions; there may be differences between these assumptions and your actual business practices. Further, PW does not guarantee any results and there is no guarantee as to the liquidity of the instruments involved in this analysis. The decision to adopt any strategy remains your responsibility. PW (or any of its affiliates) or their officers, directors, analysts or employees may have positions in securities, commodities or derivative instruments thereon referred to herein, and may, as principal or agent, buy or sell such securities, commodities or derivative instruments. In addition, PW may make a market in the securities referred to herein. Neither the information nor the opinions expressed shall be construed to be, or constitute, an offer to sell or buy or a solicitation of an offer to sell or buy any securities, commodities or derivative instruments mentioned herein.

Finally, PW has not addressed the legal, accounting and tax implications of the analysis with respect to you and PW strongly urges you to seek advice from your counsel, accountant and tax advisor.

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PRICING INFORMATION
OFFERED SECURITIES (Calculated at 1.50% ABS)
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| Class | Size <br> (\$000s) | Price | Avg. <br> Life | Prin. Window (Mths) | First Princ. | Last Princ. | Stated Mat. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ratings: } \\ & \text { S\&P/ } \\ & \text { Moody's } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A-1 Notes: | [\$55, 750] | [100.00] | [0.88] | [25] | 12/97 | 12/99 | 05/03 | AAA/Aaa |
| A-2 Notes: | [\$35, 175] | [100.00] | [3.00] | [29] | 12/99 | 04/02 | 05/03 | AAA/Aaa |

NOT OFFERED
Certificates:
[\$4, 781]
DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES
Issuer:
CPS Auto Receivables Trust 1997-5 (the "Issuer").

Offered Notes: Class A-1 and Class A-2 Notes (the "Class A Notes"). The Class A Notes will be publicly offered pursuant to an effective shelf registration. A prospectus and prospectus supplement will be distributed after pricing.

Subordinated Securities: One Class of Subordinated Certificates (the "Certificates"). The Certificates will not be offered hereby or pursuant to the prospectus and prospectus supplement.

Seller: CPS Receivables Corp.
Servicer: Consumer Portfolio Services, Inc. ("CPS"),

Owner Trustee: Bankers Trust (Delaware).
Indenture Trustee
and Backup Servicer:

Underwriters:
Norwest Bank Minnesota, National
Association.
Lead Manager -- PaineWebber Incorporated
Co-manager -- Black Diamond Securities, LLC.

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DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES (Continued)

| Surety Provider: | Financial Security Assurance Inc. ("FSA") <br> will fully insure the timely payment of |
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| principal and interest on the Class A Notes. |  |

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| Certificateholders <br> Percentage of Principal: | 5.0\%, until the balance of the Class A Notes is reduced to zero, and thereafter, 100\% until the Certificates are paid in full. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Principal: | On any monthly Payment Date, the Class A |
|  | Noteholders receive the Class A Percentage |
|  | of principal collections plus any required |
|  | accelerated payments (distributed |
|  | sequentially to the Class A-1 Notes and then |
|  | the Class A-2 Notes). The Certificateholders |
|  | will receive $5.0 \%$ of principal collections |
|  | (until the balance of the Class A-2 Notes is |
|  | reduced to zero). |
|  | Additionally, on any date when the current principal balance of the Class A Notes |
|  | exceeds the Class A Target Amount, the Class |
|  | A Notes are entitled to all excess interest collections (after paying fees and all |
|  | payments of interest and principal on the |
|  | Notes and Certificates). |
| Priority of Payments: | Unless an Event of Default has occurred and |
|  | is continuing: |
|  | (1) To the Servicer, Collateral Agent and |
|  | Trustee, the Servicing Fee and other fees |
|  | and expenses; <br> (2) To the Class A Noteholders, Class A |
|  | Interest and Class A Interest Carryover; |
|  | (3) To the Certificateholders, Certificate |
|  | Interest and Certificate Interest Carryover, and; |
|  | (4) To the Class A Noteholders, Class A |
|  | Principal and Class A Principal Carryover, sequentially to the lowest-numbered |
|  | outstanding Class A Note until such class is |
|  | reduced to zero; |
|  | (5) To FSA, any amount due under the |
|  | Insurance Agreement; |
|  | (6) To the Certificateholders, Certificate |
|  | Principal and Certificate Principal |
|  | Carryover; |
|  | (7) If an accelerated payment is required to |
|  | reach the Class A Target Amount, any |
|  | remaining cash to the Class A Noteholders as |
|  | a payment of principal; |
|  | (8) To the Spread Account Collateral Agent |
|  | for deposit into the Spread Account. |
| Servicing/Other Fees: | The receivables are subject to certain fees, |
|  | including a Servicing Fee equal to the sum |
|  | of (i) $2.00 \%$ per annum payable monthly and |
|  | based on the current Aggregate Principal |
|  | Balance of the Receivables and (ii) $0.08 \%$ |
|  | per annual payable monthly and based on the |
|  | current balance of the Class A Notes and the |
|  | Certificates. All other fees, including fees |
|  | payable to the Trustee and Standby Servicer |
|  | will be payable by the Servicer. |

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The sum of funds on deposit in a reserve account (the "Reserve Account") and the amount by which the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables exceeds the aggregate outstanding principal balance of the Notes and Certificates ("O/C") must grow to equal at least $9.0 \%$ of the current Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables. From that point forward, the sum of the Reserve Account and $0 / C$ must equal at least $9.0 \%$ of the current Aggregate Principal Balance, subject to a floor of $3.0 \%$ of the initial Aggregate Principal Balance, and further subject to a minimum 2.0\% Reserve Account balance (based on the initial Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables).

Credit Enhancement is provided by the following five mechanisms:
(1) Excess spread
(2) Over-collateralization
(3) Reserve Account
(4) [5\%] subordination of principal
(5) $100 \%$ FSA Insurance Policy covering timely payment of interest and principal.

The weighted average coupon rate on the Receivables is generally expected to be higher than the sum of (a) the servicing fee and all other fees, and (b) the weighted average pass through rate on the Notes and Certificates, thus generating excess interest collections which will be available, to the extent required, to fund payments on the Notes and Certificates on each Payment Date.

Excess Spread (as described above) is applied, to the extent available and required, to make accelerated payments of principal to the Class A Notes then entitled to receive distributions of principal; such application will cause the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Notes to amortize more rapidly than the Receivables, thus increasing the 0/C amount. In addition to the acceleration of principal repayment through the application of excess interest, by fixing the Class A Percentage above the actual ratio of the Class $A$ Notes to the Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables, the application of principal is expected to increase the $0 / C$ over the life of the transaction.

DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES (Continued)

Credit Enhancement (Continued)
(3) Reserve Account:
(4) Subordination:
(5) FSA Policy:

Optional Termination:

ERISA Considerations:

Tax Considerations:

Prospectus:

The Reserve Account will have an initial deposit of [3.5\%] of the initial Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables. The Reserve Account can increase at various times for the protection of the Class A Notes, and can step down over time to [2.0\%] of the initial Aggregate Principal Balance of the Receivables.

The rights of the Certificateholders to receive payments of interest on each Payment Date will be subordinate to those of the Class A Noteholders to receive interest, and the rights of the Certificateholders to receive payments of principal on each Payment Date will be subordinate to those of the Class A Noteholders to receive principal.

FSA will issue an Insurance Policy that will unconditionally and irrevocably guarantee to the Class A Noteholders payment of interest collected and principal collected on each payment date.

The Servicer may cause the Indenture Trustee to terminate the Notes and Certificates on any remittance date when the current Aggregate Principal Balance is less than or equal to $10 \%$ of the initial Aggregate Principal Balance, by purchasing the Receivables, or by selling the Receivables to an unaffiliated party, and so long as a minimum termination price is reached.

The Class A Notes will be ERISA eligible. However, investors should consult with their counsel with respect to the consequences under ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of the Plan's acquisition and ownership of such Notes.

The trust will not be characterized as an association taxable as a corporation or as a publicly traded partnership. The Class A Notes will be characterized as debt for federal income tax purposes.

The Class A Notes are being offered pursuant to a Prospectus which includes a Prospectus Supplement (together, the "Prospectus"). Complete information with respect to the Class $A$ Notes and the collateral is contained in the Prospectus. The material presented herein is qualified in its entirety by the information appearing in the Prospectus. To the extent that the foregoing is inconsistent with the Prospectus, the Prospectus shall govern in all respects. Sales of the Class $A$ Notes may not be consummated unless the purchaser has received the Prospectus.

The Receivables were originated by CPS, Samco and Linc under five programs:
(1) Standard Program;
(2) First Time Buyers, for first time automobile buyers, with higher credit standards than the Standard program;
(3) Alpha Program for buyers who exceed the credit guidelines of the Standard Program;
(4) Delta Program, for buyers who fall beneath the credit guidelines of the Standard Program;
(5) Linc Program, for borrowers who are customers of certain participating banks, thrifts and credit unions, and are subject to stricter underwriting standards than borrowers in the Standard program.

Samco is an $80 \%$ owned subsidiary of CPS, which originates Receivables in rural areas of the South and Southwest. Linc is an $80 \%$ owned subsidiary of CPS, which originates Receivables through certain participating banks, thrifts and credit unions.

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DESCRIPTION OF AUTO RECEIVABLES POOL AS OF THE CUT-OFF DATE

| Number of Loans | 7,556 | Current Balance | $95,706,306.82$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Average Balance | $12,666.27$ | Minimum Balance | $1,315.65$ |
| Maximum Balance | $28,793.51$ |  |  |
| W.A. Coupon | 20.2775 |  |  |
| W.A. Original Term | 57 | W.A. Seasoning |  |
| W.A. Stated Remaining Term | 56 |  |  |

The sums and percentages in the following tables may not equal the totals shown due to rounding.

| Aggregate Field | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State | Alabama | 332 | 3,922,452.81 | 4.10 |
|  | California | 1,356 | 18, 412, 967.92 | 19.24 |
|  | Florida | 510 | 6,545,217. 07 | 6.84 |
|  | Georgia | 189 | 2,377,808.82 | 2.48 |
|  | Hawaii | 247 | 3,281, 002.27 | 3.43 |
|  | Illinois | 427 | 5,127,233. 39 | 5.36 |
|  | Indiana | 136 | 1,466,127.20 | 1.53 |
|  | Iowa | 87 | 1, 023,483.70 | 1.07 |
|  | Louisiana | 357 | 4,709,446.44 | 4.92 |
|  | Maryland | 239 | 3,038,966.59 | 3.18 |
|  | Michigan | 378 | 4,697,003.82 | 4.91 |
|  | Minnesota | 89 | 1,100,538.68 | 1.15 |
|  | Mississippi | 110 | 1,460,660.36 | 1.53 |
|  | Nevada | 171 | 2,133,861.39 | 2.23 |
|  | New Jersey | 151 | 1,886,620.91 | 1.97 |
|  | New York | 376 | 4,510, 465.66 | 4.71 |
|  | North Carolina | 361 | 4,694,120.90 | 4.90 |
|  | Ohio | 150 | 1,718,981. 09 | 1.80 |
|  | Pennsylvania | 421 | 5,147, 976.53 | 5.38 |
|  | South Carolina | 148 | 1,841, 813.47 | 1.92 |
|  | Tennessee | 338 | 4, 174, 863.26 | 4.36 |
|  | Texas | 454 | 5,945,757.48 | 6.21 |
|  | Virginia | 80 | $959,616.32$ | 1.00 |
|  | All others | 449 | 5,529,320.74 | 5.78 |
|  | Total | 7,556 | 95, 706, 306.82 | 100.00 |

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DESCRIPTION OF AUTO RECEIVABLES POOL AS OF THE CUT-OFF DATE (Continued)

| Aggregate Fie | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Rate | Below 17.00\% | 6 | 84,981.62 | 0.09 |
|  | 17.00\% to 17.99\% | 202 | 2,996,654.57 | 3.13 |
|  | 18.00\% to 18.99\% | 1,675 | 22,708,162. 05 | 23.73 |
|  | 19.00\% to 19.99\% | 1, 018 | 14, 091, 357.58 | 14.72 |
|  | 20.00\% to 20.99\% | 1,352 | 18,290,631. 58 | 19.11 |
|  | 21.00\% to 21.99\% | 1,694 | 20,333,194.73 | 21.25 |
|  | 22.00\% to 22.99\% | 239 | 2,783,523.78 | 2.91 |
|  | 23.00\% to 23.99\% | 611 | 6,676,246.45 | 6.98 |
|  | 24.00\% to 24.99\% | 705 | 7,251,470.41 | 7.58 |
|  | 25.00\% to 25.99\% | 48 | 449,390.90 | 0.47 |
|  | 26.00\% and over | 6 | 40,693.15 | 0.04 |
|  | Total | 7,556 | 95,706, 306.82 | 100.00 |



| Aggregate Field | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Origination Date | Prior to January 1997 | 13 | 138,413.56 | 0.14 |
|  | January 1997 | 8 | 79,459.13 | 0.08 |
|  | February 1997 | 20 | 236,608.77 | 0.25 |
|  | March 1997 | 26 | 301, 039.42 | 0.31 |
|  | April 1997 | 24 | 303, 917.44 | 0.32 |
|  | May 1997 | 18 | 218, 033.56 | 0.23 |
|  | June 1997 | 26 | 348,790.98 | 0.36 |
|  | July 1997 | 96 | 1,250,361.60 | 1.31 |
|  | August 1997 | 154 | 1,910,215.58 | 2.00 |

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DESCRIPTION OF AUTO RECEIVABLES POOL AS OF THE CUT-OFF DATE (Continued)

## Aggregate Field

Description
Count
Balance
Pool\%

September 1997
956
4,624
1,591
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7,556
$12,310,793.20$
$58,494,788.49$
$20,113,885.09$
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$95,706,306.82$
12.86

October 1997
November 1997

Total
7,556
95,706,306. 82
100.00

## Aggregate Field

Description
Count
Balance
Pool\%

Original Term

| Fewer than 21 Months | 1 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $21-25$ Months | 50 |
| $26-30$ Months | 69 |
| $36-40$ Months | 341 |
| $41-45$ Months | 203 |
| $46-50$ Months | 1,050 |
| $51-55$ Months | 884 |
| $56-60$ Months | 4,958 |
|  | ---- |
|  | Total |


| $4,526.00$ | 0.00 |
| ---: | ---: |
| $256,932.99$ | 0.27 |
| $501,848.64$ | 0.52 |
| $2,754,784.09$ | 2.88 |
| $1,906,950.45$ | 1.99 |
| $10,912,950.18$ | 11.40 |
| $10,531,998.96$ | 11.00 |
| $68,836,315.51$ | 71.92 |
| ---------- | --- |
| $95,706,306.82$ | 100.00 |


| Aggregate F | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Model Year | Prior to 1990 | 58 | 360,406.61 | 0.38 |
|  | 1990 | 125 | 930,981. 35 | 0.97 |
|  | 1991 | 222 | 1,927, 073.59 | 2.01 |
|  | 1992 | 376 | 3,800,262. 25 | 3.97 |
|  | 1993 | 780 | 8,263,381. 21 | 8.63 |
|  | 1994 | 1,348 | 15, 944, 203.09 | 16.66 |
|  | 1995 | 1,955 | 25,676, 806.78 | 26.83 |
|  | 1996 | 1,469 | 19,715, 079.63 | 20.60 |
|  | 1997 | 1,063 | 16,266,357.93 | 17.00 |
|  | 1998 | 160 | 2,821, 754.38 | 2.95 |
|  | Total | 7,556 | 95, 706, 306.82 | 100.00 |

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DESCRIPTION OF AUTO RECEIVABLES POOL AS OF THE CUT-OFF DATE (Continued)

| Aggregate Field | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Original Balance | 0-4,999 | 61 | 254,215.30 | 0.27 |
|  | 5,000-9,999 | 1,623 | 13,464, 854.59 | 14.07 |
|  | 10,000 - 14,999 | 4,172 | 51,548,181.26 | 53.97 |
|  | 15,000-19,000 | 1,382 | 23,304,120.16 | 24.35 |
|  | 20,000 - 24,999 | 243 | 6,395, 039.66 | 6.68 |
|  | 25,000 and over | 25 | 639,895.85 | 0.67 |
|  | Total | 7,556 | 95,706, 306.82 | 100.00 |
| Aggregate Field | Description | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| Source | CPS | 6,696 | 85,295,257.19 | 89.12 |
|  | LINC | 513 | 6,512,173.55 | 6.80 |
|  | SAMCO | 347 | 3,898,876.08 | 4.07 |
|  | Total | 7,556 | 95,706, 306.82 | 100.00 |


| Aggregate Field | Description |  | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Program |  | ALPHA | 3,418 | 45,828, 913. 02 | 47.88 |
|  |  | DELTA | 597 | 6,987,855.53 | 7.30 |
|  | FIRST | TIME BUYER | 1,276 | 14,268,746.52 | 14.91 |
|  |  | LINC | 513 | 6,512,173.55 | 6.80 |
|  |  | STANDARD | 1,752 | 22,108,618.20 | 23.10 |
|  | Total |  | 7,556 | 95,706, 306. 82 | 100.00 |
| Aggregate Field | Description |  | Count | Balance | Pool\% |
| New/Used | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New } \\ & \text { Used } \end{aligned}$ |  | 700 | 11,282,751.61 | 11.79 |
|  |  |  | 6,856 | 84,423,555.21 | 88.21 |
|  |  | Total | 7,556 | 95,706, 306.82 | 100.00 |

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