

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**RACHOR JEFFREY C**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,  
 INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE  
 BOULEVARD**

(Street)

**CHARLOTTE, NC 28212**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)

**05/12/2008**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code  | V   | Amount   |  |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 3,333   | A   | \$ 16.2  | 8,726 D                                    |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 21,667  | A   | \$ 16.51   | 30,393 D                                   |
| Class A Common Stock            | 05/12/2008                           |  | S                              | 25,000  | D   | \$ 19.1086   | 5,393 D                                    |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title Amount or Number of Shares                              |
| Options to Purchase                        | \$ 16.2  | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 3,333   | 10/23/2003 10/23/2012                                    | Class A Common Stock 3,333                                    |
| Options to Purchase                        | \$ 16.51   | 05/12/2008                           |  | M                              | 21,667  | 04/11/2002 10/11/2011                                    | Class A Common Stock 21,667                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RACHOR JEFFREY C<br>C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.<br>5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28212 |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Rachor 05/13/2008  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$19.10 to \$19.23.

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