COSPER DAVID P

Form 4

February 28, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

Common

Stock

02/26/2013

(Print or Type Responses)

COSPER D	OAVID P	Person _ 2. Issue Symbol	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]				Issuer (Check all applicable)		
		SONIC							
(Last)	(First) (N	Middle) 3. Date of	f Earliest Tr	ansaction					
		(Month/E	ay/Year)				Director		Owner
C/O SONIO	C AUTOMOTIVE	c, 02/26/2	02/26/2013				_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify		
INC., 4401	COLWICK ROA	D					below) Vice C	below) hairman and CF	FO
	(Street)	4. If Ame	4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies Ac	equired	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security (Month/Day/Year) Executi		Execution Date, if	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)		d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct India	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	() -	Beneficial
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					(A) or		Reported Transaction(s)	(11101111)	(1110117-1)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

COSPER DAVID P C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211

Vice Chairman and CFO

Signatures

/s/ David P. 02/28/2013 Cosper

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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- * 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) Represents shares delivered by the reporting person to Sonic Automotive, Inc. to satisfy withholding tax obligations due upon vesting of restricted stock.

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