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FORM	Л	<b>4</b> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549										
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(Print or Type Re	esponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> BELK WILLIAM I			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]					<ul><li>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</li><li>(Check all applicable)</li></ul>				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6100 FAIRVIEW ROAD, #640			<ul><li>3. Date of Earliest Transaction</li><li>(Month/Day/Year)</li><li>04/22/2005</li></ul>					(Check all applicable) <u>X</u> Director Officer (give title below) Director				
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28210			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative S	ecuri	ties Ac	quired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficia	lly Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year)	Execution any	emed on Date, if Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) Code V	Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) o of (D	)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Class A Common Stock	04/22/2005			A		A	<u>(1)</u>	15,745	D			
Class A Common Stock								6,000	I	By children		

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)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. ofNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securiti (Instr. 3	int of rlying	9. Nu Deriv Secu: Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

## **Reporting Owners**

 

 Relationship

 Reporting Owner Name / Address
 Director
 10% Owner
 Officer
 Other

 Director
 10% Owner
 Officer
 Other

 BELK WILLIAM I 6100 FAIRVIEW ROAD, #640
 X
 X
 Y
 Y
 Y

 Signatures
 X
 Y
 Y
 Y
 Y
 Y

 Signature of Reporting Person
 04/21/2005
 Y
 Y
 Y
 Y

## **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) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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