SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

WYATT E LEE

Symbol

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH] (Check all applicable)

(Last)

(Middle) (First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,

04/21/2005

(Month/Day/Year)

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE **BOULEVARD**

(Street)

(State)

Executive VP, CFO & Treasurer

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line)

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

(Zip)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

(City)

(Instr. 3)

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

or

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)

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 1. Title of Derivative Conversion

5. Number of (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	A) (Month/Day/	Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (` /	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase	\$ 19.23	04/21/2005		A	40,000		(1)	04/21/2015	Class A Common Stock	40,000

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Treasurer

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kiationsinps						
. 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WYATT E LEE C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD			Executive VP CFO &),			

Signatures

Reporting Person

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

/s/ E. Lee Wyatt, 04/25/2005 Jr. **Signature of 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) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

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