

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 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 *

YOUNG GREG
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
 09/27/2005

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
 (give title below) (specify below)
 VP & Chief Accounting Officer

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

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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	900	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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Options to Purchase	10/05/2003	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	9,833	\$ 7.9375	D	Â
Options to Purchase	05/02/2004	05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Options to Purchase	05/08/2005	05/08/2012	Class A Common Stock	7,000	\$ 37.5	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(1)</u>	04/18/2013	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 15.9	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(2)</u>	02/19/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 23.78	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(3)</u>	04/21/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,000	\$ 19.23	D	Â
Option to Purchase (ESPP)	01/01/2005	12/31/2005	Class A Common Stock	300	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
YOUNG GREG C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109 CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	Â	Â	Â VP & Chief Accounting Officer	Â

Signatures

/s/ Greg Young 10/05/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 4/18/2004.
- (2) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 2/19/2005.

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- (3) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 4/21/2006.
- (4) Calculated in accordance with Sonic Automotive, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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