

<TABLE>
<CAPTION>

<S> FORM 4 APPROVAL [] CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LONGER 3235-0287 SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 EXPIRES: DECEMBER 31, 2001 OR FORM 5 OBLIGATIONS MAY AVERAGE BURDEN CONTINUE. SEE INSTRUCTION 1(B). RESPONSE.....0.5

<C> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

<C> OMB OMB NUMBER: ESTIMATED HOURS PER

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(PRINT OR TYPE RESPONSES)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Person(s) to Issuer
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other
(specify below)

2. Issuer Name AND Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")

6. Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)
 Director
 Officer
(give title below)
Chief Financial Officer

Wright Theodore M.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year

c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.
5401 E. Independence Blvd.

12/99

(Street)
Applicable

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

7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person
Charlotte, NC 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

TABLE I-- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

7.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	
of		Trans- action	Trans- action	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at	Owner- ship Form: Direct	Nature
Indirect		Date	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	End of	(D) or	
Title of		(Month/ Day/ Year)	(Instr. 8)	-----	Month	Indirect	
Beneficial			-----	Amount (A) or Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(I)	
Security			Code V	(D)		(Instr. 4)	
Ownership							
(Instr. 3)							
(Instr. 4)							

