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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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*

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Rachor              Jeffrey              C.
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(Last)              (First)              (Middle)
c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.
6415 Idlewild Road, Suite 109
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(Street)
Charlotte          N.C.              28212
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(City)              (State)              (Zip)

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

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year 6/01

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

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

Director Officer 10% Owner Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Executive VP of Retail Operations

7. 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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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1. Title 7. Nature of In- Security direct (Instr. 3) Bene- ficial Owner-	2. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect
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ship	Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr.
4) (Instr. 4)							
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Class A Common Stock	6/22/01	M	26,668	A	\$6.00	42,302	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b) (v).

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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) Securities	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
(D)				
			Code	V
				(A)
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Options to purchase 26,668	\$6.00	6/22/01	M	

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

11. Nature of Indirect derivative Securities Owned beneficially at (Instr. 4) Month(1) (Instr. 4)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities Owned at End of Month
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Options to purchase	(1) 11/17/07	Class A Common Stock 26,668		238,168	D

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Options to purchase (1) 11/17/07 Class A Common Stock 26,668 238,168 D

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Of the options to purchase a total of 26,668 shares of Sonic's Class A Common Stock shown for Mr. Rachor in the table above, options to purchase 1 share became exercisable on November 17, 1998, options to purchase 13,334 shares became exercisable on November 17, 1999, and options to purchase 13,333 shares became exercisable on November 17, 2000.

/s/ Jeffrey C. Rachor 6/29/01

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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