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| FORM 4 |
                         U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
                          WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
[ ] Check this box if
                       STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
   no longer subject
  to Section 16.
   Form 4 or Form 5
                   Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities
   obligations may
                      Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the
                     Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
   continue. See
   continue. See Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Instruction 1(b). Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940
(Print or Type Responses)
 _____
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*
    Belk,
                         William
     (Last)
                           (First)
                                                   (Middle)
           6100 Fairview Road, #640
                           (Street)
                            NC
     Charlotte,
_ _________
    (City)
                     (State)
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
                                  3/02
5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)
6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
   x Director Officer _____ 10% Owner ____ Other ____ Other ____ (give title below)
7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
   x 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
<TABLE>
<CAPTION>
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1. Title
                2. Trans- 3. Trans- 4. Securities Acquired (A)
                                                               5. Amount of
                                                                               6. Owner-
7. Nature
 of
                  action action
                                      or Disposed of (D)
                                                                  Securities
                                                                                   ship
of In-
  Security
                  Date
                          Code
                                       (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)
                                                                   Beneficially
                                                                                   Form:
direct
                  (Month/ (Instr. 8)
  (Instr. 3)
                                                                   Owned at
                                                                                   Direct
Bene-
                  Day/
                                                                   End of
                                                                                   (D) or
ficial
                                                                   Month
                                                                                   Indirect
                   Year)
Owner-
                          Code V Amount
                                               (A) or Price
                                                                  (Instr. 3 and 4)
                                                                                   (I)
ship
                                                 (D)
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   (Instr. 4)
<S>
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 ______
Class A Common Stock 3/6/02
                                     10,000
                                                       $ 7.80
                                               A
 ______
                                      8,000
Class A Common Stock 3/6/02 S
                                                        $28.50 13,000
                                                                 6,000
Children
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						Table IIDerivative Securiti (e.g., puts, calls, war			Owned			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or	3. Trans- action	4. Transac- tion Code		5. Number of Deri ative							
Securities	Exercise Price of	Date (Month/	(Ir	nstr. 8)		Acquired (A) Disposed of						
(D)	Deriv-	Day/				(Instr. 3, 4,						
and 5)						(2000)						
	ative Security	Year)										
	Security											
			G . 1.	7.7		(7)						
(D)			Code	V		(A)						
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			107	107	101							
Options to Purchase	\$7.80	03/06/02	М									
10,000												
``` Table IIDerivative Securitie   (e.g., puts, calls, warrants ```												
	. Date Exer-	7. Title and Amount of	8. I	Price 9	. Number	10. Owner-						
11. Na-	cisable and	Underlying Securities	(	of	of Deriv-	ship						
ture	Expiration	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Ī	Deriv-	ative	Form						
of In-		(111001. 0 and 1)										
direct	Date			ative	Secur-	of De-						
rivative Bene-	(Month/Day/			Secur-	ities							
Securities ficial	Year)		=	ity	Bene-							
				(Instr.	ficially	Bene-						
Owner-

						5)	Owned	
_	ship	Date	Expira-		Amount or		at End	Owned
at (Ins	str.	Exer-	tion	Title	Number of		of	End of
4)		cisable	Date		Shares		Month	
Month(1)							(Instr. 4)	
(Instr. 4)							(INSCI. 4)	
<s> <c></c></s>		<c></c>	<c></c>			<c></c>	<c></c>	<c></c>
		9/30/01	3/30/11	Class A Common Stock	10,000		20,000	D

  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  ||  | of Responses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
/s/ William I. Belk 4/10/02

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- *  If this 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). Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.