COMPANY DATA:

COMPANY CONFORMED NAME: SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

CENTRAL INDEX KEY: 0001043509

STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION: RETAIL-AUTO DELAERS & GASOLINE [5500]

IRS NUMBER: 56-2010790 STATE OF INCORPORATION: FISCAL YEAR END: 0207

FILING VALUES:

FORM TYPE: SC 13G SEC ACT: 1934 Act

SEC FILE NUMBER: 005-51941

FILM NUMBER:

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

STREET 1: 4401 COLWICK ROAD

STREET 2:

CITY: CHARLOTTE STATE: NC

ZIP: 28211

BUSINESS PHONE: 7045662400

MAIL ADDRESS:

STREET 1: 4401 COLWICK ROAD

STREET 2:

CITY: CHARLOTTE STATE: NC

ZIP: 28211

FORMER COMPANY:

FORMER CONFORMED NAME:

DATE OF NAME CHANGE:

FORMER COMPANY:

FORMER CONFORMED NAME:

DATE OF NAME CHANGE:

FILED BY:

COMPANY DATA:

COMPANY CONFORMED NAME: LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT

CENTRAL INDEX KEY: 0001050470 IRS NUMBER: 23-2772200 STATE OF INCORPORATION: FISCAL YEAR END: 1231

FILING VALUES:

FORM TYPE: SC 13G

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b) (AMENDMENT NO. ____) *

> SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC (Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock, no par value per share (Title of Class of Securities)

> 83545G102 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

[X] Rule 13d-1(b)

[] Rule 13d-1(c)

[] Rule 13d-1(d)

- NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) LSV Asset Management 23-2772200
- CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a) []

(b) []

- SEC USE ONLY 3.
- CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION State of Delaware
 - SOLE VOTING POWER

1,124,090

NUMBER OF

SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER EACH

REPORTING 2,136,284

PERSON

WITH 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 2,136,284
- 10. CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See [] Instructions)
- PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 11. 6.50%
- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions) ΙA

NAME OF ISSUER. ITEM 1(A). SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

ITEM 1(B). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES. 4401 COLWICK ROAD CHARLOTTE, NC 28211

ITEM 2(A). NAMES OF PERSON FILING. LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT

ITEM 2(B). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE. 155 N. WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 4600

CHICAGO, IL 60606

ITEM 2(C). CITIZENSHIP. State of Delaware

ITEM 2(D). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES.

COMMON STOCK, CLASS A

ITEM 2(E). CUSIP NUMBER. 83545G102

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) [] Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act.
- (b) [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act.
- (c) [] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act.
- (d) [] Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act.
- (e) [X] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (g) [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1 (b) (1) (ii) (G);
- (h) [] A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) [] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 2,136,284 shares
- (b) Percent of class: 6.50%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,124,090
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct
 the vote: 0
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct
 the disposition of: 2,136,284
 - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct
 the disposition of: 0

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

THE CLIENTS OF LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING FUNDS AND/OR MANAGED ACCOUNTS, HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECIEVE OR THE POWER TO DIRECT THE RECEIPT OF DIVIDENDS FROM, OR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF, SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON.

N/A

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

N/A

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

N/A

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATIONS.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 6, 2017

LSV ASSET MANAGEMENT

By: Josh O'Donnell Title: Chief Compliance Officer