

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) VP & Chief Accounting Officer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Options to Purchase	10/05/2003	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	9,833	\$ 7.9375	D	
Options to Purchase	05/02/2004	05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 10.35	D	
Options to Purchase	05/08/2005	05/08/2012	Class A Common Stock	7,000	\$ 37.5	D	
Options to Purchase	(1)	04/18/2013	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 15.9	D	
Options to Purchase	(2)	02/19/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 23.78	D	
Options to Purchase	(3)	04/21/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,000	\$ 19.23	D	
Option to Purchase (ESPP)	01/01/2005	12/31/2005	Class A Common Stock	300	\$ (4)	D	

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			VP & Chief Accounting Officer	
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Signatures

/s/ Greg Young		10/05/2005
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

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.
- (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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