

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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* IUPPENLATZ MARK J			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ Exec VP of Corp Development		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/14/2006					
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD			4. 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		
(Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28212								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned					

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		1,900	A	\$ 7.9375	50,700	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		S		1,900	D	\$ 28	48,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		200	A	\$ 7.9375	49,000	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		S		200	D	\$ 28	48,800	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		7,900	A	\$ 7.9375	56,700	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		20,000	A	\$ 10.0625	76,700	D	
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		S		27,900	D	\$ 28.02	48,800	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 Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		1,900		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,900	\$ 0	8,100	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		200		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	200	\$ 0	7,900	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		7,900		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	7,900	\$ 0	0	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.0625	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		20,000		⁽²⁾	11/01/2009	Class A Common Stock	20,000	\$ 0	10,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IUPPENLATZ MARK J C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212			Exec VP of Corp Development	

Signatures

/s/ Mark J. Iuppenlatz		11/16/2006
<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 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).
- (1) Options exercised and shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The options to purchase vested in 10,000 share increments on each of 11/1/2000 and 11/1/2001.

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