

---

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

---

**FORM 8-K**

---

**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 6, 2005

---

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

---

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-13395**  
(Commission File Number)

**56-201079**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**6415 Idlewild Road, Suite 109**  
**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**28212**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

**N/A**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

---

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

---

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 6, 2005, Sonic Automotive, Inc. amended its Second Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 5, 2003 (the "Credit Agreement") with Ford Motor Credit Company, as Agent and Lender, and DaimlerChrysler Services North America LLC, Bank of America, N.A., Toyota Motor Credit Corporation, Merrill Lynch Capital Corporation and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Lenders to extend the Termination Date under the Credit Agreement from October 31, 2006 to January 31, 2007.

---

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss

---

Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: October 7, 2005