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<S> FORM 4 APPROVAL [ ] CHECK THIS BOX IF NO LONGER 3235-0287 SUBJECT TO SECTION 16. FORM 4 DECEMBER 31, 2001 OR FORM 5 OBLIGATIONS MAY AVERAGE BURDEN CONTINUE. SEE INSTRUCTION 1(B). RESPONSE.....0.5  
<C> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
<C> OMB OMB NUMBER: EXPIRES: ESTIMATED HOURS PER

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(PRINT OR TYPE RESPONSES)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* Person(s) to Issuer \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below) Operations Rachor Jeffrey C.  
2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")  
6. Relationship of Reporting (Check all applicable)  Director  Officer (give title below) Vice President-Retail

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year 12/99  
5915 Brainerd Road  
(Street) Applicable 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One  
Reporting Person Chattanooga TN 31421

(City) (State) (Zip) TABLE I-- NON-DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED

7. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.  
Indirect Title of Beneficial Security of  
Transaction Date (Month/ Day/ Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Amount (A) or Price (Instr. 7) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 8) Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) Nature



