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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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(PRINT OR TYPE RESPONSES)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
_____ 10% Owner
_____ Other
(specify below)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
_____ Director
___X___ Officer
(give title below)

Iuppenlatz Mark J. Development Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH") Vice President-Corporate

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Year
c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc. 6407 Idlewild Road 11/99

(Street) Applicable 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Line) ___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One
Building 2, Suite 111 Reporting Person Charlotte NC 28212

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

7. 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.

of	Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- Amount (A) or (D)	Price	Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Nature
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(Instr. 4)

Class A Common Stock	11-15-99	P	1,000	A	\$9.9375		D
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Class A Common Stock	11-23-99	P	1,000	A	\$9.4375	5,000	D
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, SEE Instruction 4(b) (v)

POTENTIAL PERSONS WHO ARE TO RESPOND TO THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RESPOND UNLESS THE FORM DISPLAYS A CURRENTLY VALID OMB CONTROL NUMBER.

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FORM 4 (CONTINUED)

TABLE II -- DERIVATIVE SECURITIES ACQUIRED, DISPOSED OF, OR BENEFICIALLY OWNED (E.G., PUTS, CALLS, WARRANTS, OPTIONS, CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES)

10.	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.
	11.								
Ownership							Title and		
Form of							Amount of		
Deriv-							Underlying		Number of
ative							Securities	Price	Derivative
Security:	Conver-	Trans-	Trans-	Acquired (A)	Date (Month/		(Instr. 3	of	Securities
Direct	sion or	action	action	or Disposed	Day/Year)		and 4)	Deriv-	Benefi-
or	Exercise	action	Code	of (D)	-----		-----	ative	cially
Title of	Nature of		(Instr.	(Instr. 3,	Date		Amount	Secur-	Owned at
Indirect	Price of	Date	8)	4 and 5)	Exer-	Expir-	or Num-	ity	End of
Derivative	Deriv-	(Month/							(I)

Beneficial Security (Instr. 3) (Instr. 4)	ative Ownership Security	Day/ Year)	----- Code	----- V	----- (A)	----- (D)	cis- able	ation Date	Title	ber of Shares	(Instr. 5)	Month (Instr. 4)	4)
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Explanation of Responses:

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

/s/ Mark J. Iuppenlatz

12/8/99

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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