

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* 2. Date of Event

Rewey, Robert L. Requiring Statement 12/17/2001 (Month/Day/Year)

3. I.R.S. Identification

401 Lone Pine Court Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Sonic Automotive, Inc. - SAH

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

Table with 2 columns: 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4), 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4). The table contains multiple empty rows for data entry.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.  
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\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instructions 5(b) (v).  
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FORM 3 (continued) Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants,  
options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security Nature of Indirect (Instr. 4) Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	2. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conver- sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security	5. Owner- Ship Form of Deriv- vative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6.
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Explanation of Responses:

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal  
12-19-01 Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).  
Date

/s/ Robert L. Rewey

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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