FORM 5

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[] Form 3 Holdings Reported

[] Form 4 Transactions Reported

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person * Keller, Maryann N.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading	Symbol 4. Statement for Month/Year	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director10% OwnerOfficer (give title below)Other (specify below)								
(Last) (First) (Mid	Sonic Automotive,	nc. 12/2002										
Greenwich, CT 06831	3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporti Person, if an entity (voluntary)	II5 It Amendment	Description 7. Individual or Joint/Group									
(City) (State) (Z	p) (voluntary)		X Form filed by One Reporting Person									
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned												
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2.Transaction Date (Month/Day/Ye.	2A. Deemed Execution Date, r) if any (Month/Day/Year)	Amount / A/D / Price	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) 6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership or Indirect (I)									
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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	2. Conver-	3.	3A.	4. Transaction	5. Number of	6. Date Exercisable(DE)	7. Title and Amount	8. Price	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature of
Derivative	sion or	Transaction	Deemed	Code	Derivative	and	of	of	Derivative	Owner-	Indirect
Security	Exercise	Date	Execution	(Instr.8)	Securities	Expiration Date(ED)	Underlying	Derivative	Securities	ship	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		Date, if any		Acquired (A)	(Month/Day/Year)	Securities	Security	Beneficially	Form of	Ownership
	Deri-	(Month/			or Disposed Of		(Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr.5)	Owned	Deriv-	(Instr.4)
	vative	Day/	(Month/		(D)				at End of Year	ative	
	Security	Year)	Day/						Reported	Securities:	
			Year)		(Instr. 3, 4 and				Transaction(s)	Direct (D)	
					5)				(Instr.4)	or	
										Indirect (I)	
										(Instr.4)	
						DE / ED					
						DE / ED					
					A or D		Title / Amount				
							or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase	\$29.98	03/29/2002		A	10,000 A	09/29/2002 / 03/29/2012	Class A Common Stock / 10,000		10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: Date:

/s/ Maryann N. Keller

01/30/2003

** Signature of Reporting Person SEC 2270 (09-02)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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