

# FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <b>RACHOR JEFFREY C</b>			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]</b>			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>03/19/2007</b>					
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD								
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>					

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Class A Common Stock	03/19/2007		M		33,333	A	\$ 11.1875	124,653	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/19/2007		M		16,667	A	\$ 15.0312	141,320	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/19/2007		S		50,000	D	\$ 28.0503	91,320	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/20/2007		M		3,333	A	\$ 15.0312	94,653	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/20/2007		M		46,667	A	\$ 15.4375	141,320	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/20/2007		S		50,000	D	\$ 27.9857	91,320	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/21/2007		M		50,000	A	\$ 15.4375	141,320	D	
Class A Common Stock	03/21/2007		S		50,000	D	\$ 28.2795	91,320	D	

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

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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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Options to Purchase	\$ 11.1875	03/19/2007		M		33,333	(1)	04/28/2010	Class A Common Stock	33,333	\$ 0	0	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 15.0312	03/19/2007		M		16,667	(2)	12/10/2008	Class A Common Stock	16,667	\$ 0	3,333	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 15.0312	03/20/2007		M		3,333	(2)	12/10/2008	Class A Common Stock	3,333	\$ 0	0	D	

Options to Purchase	\$ 15.4375	03/20/2007		M			46,667	(3)	05/05/2009	Class A Common Stock	46,667	\$ 0	53,333	D	
Options to Purchase	\$ 15.4375	03/21/2007		M			50,000	(3)	05/05/2009	Class A Common Stock	50,000	\$ 0	3,333	D	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
RACHOR JEFFREY C C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey C. Rachor		03/21/2007
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These options vested in increments of 16,667 shares and 16,666 shares on 4/28/2002 and 4/28/2003, respectively.
- (2) These options vested in increments of 6,667 shares, 6,666 shares and 6,667 shares on 12/10/1999, 12/10/2000 and 12/10/2001, respectively.
- (3) These options vested in five equal annual installments beginning on 5/5/2000.

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