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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address BELK WILLIAN	2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
6100 FAIRVIEW	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/25/2008						Officer (give title below)	Other (specify l	below)		
CHARLOTTE, N	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Date (Month/Day/Year)		Code (Instr. 8)				of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership of Indi	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
	(Month/Day/Year) Code V Amount (A) or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownershi (Instr. 4)						
Class A Common	n Stock	04/25/2008		А		2,934	А	(1)	16,923	D	
Class A Commor	n Stock								6,000	Ι	By children

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

( <i>e.g.</i> , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction	3A. Deemed	4.		5.		6. Date Exer	cisable	7. Tit	le and	8. Price of	9. Number of	10.	11. Nature
Derivative	Conversion	Date	Execution Date, if	Transacti	on	Numł	ber	and Expirati	on Date	Amo	unt of	Derivative	Derivative	Ownership	of Indirect
Security	or Exercise	(Month/Day/Year)	any	Code		of		(Month/Day/Year) U		Unde	rlying	Security	Securities	Form of	Beneficial
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Deriv	ative	tive		Securities (Ins		(Instr. 5)	Beneficially	Derivative	Ownership
	Derivative					Secur	ities	ties		(Instr. 3 and			Owned	Security:	(Instr. 4)
	Security					Acqu	ired			4)			Following	Direct (D)	
						(A) o	r						Reported	or Indirect	
						Dispo							Transaction(s)		
						of (D)							(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
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						4, and	15)								
											Amount				
								Data	Emination		or				
								Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number				
								Exercisable	Date		of				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)				Shares				

## **Reporting Owners**

	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BELK WILLIAM I 6100 FAIRVIEW ROAD, #640 CHARLOTTE, NC 28210	Х						

## Signatures

/s/ William I. Belk	04/28/2008	
Signature of Reporting Person	Date	

# **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).
- Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors. (1)

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