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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Typ	e Responses	9)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* RACHOR JEFFREY C (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) _X_ Director10% Owner						
				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2008							Officer (give	e title below)	Oth	er (specify belo	ow)	
(Street)				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					
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Reporting Owners

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	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	05/19/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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) Options vested in three equal annual installments beginning on February 19, 2005.
- $\hbox{\bf (2)} \ \ Options \ vested \ in \ two \ equal \ annual \ installments \ beginning \ on \ February \ 9,2007.$

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