

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â YOUNG GREG		(Month/Day/Year)	SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	09/27/2005	
C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., Â 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
CHARLOTTE, Â NC Â 28212			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			VP & Chief Accounting Officer	
			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	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Class A Common Stock	900	D	Â

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Options to Purchase	10/05/2003	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	9,833	\$ 7.9375	D	Â
Options to Purchase	05/02/2004	05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 10.35	D	Â
Options to Purchase	05/08/2005	05/08/2012	Class A Common Stock	7,000	\$ 37.5	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(1)</u>	04/18/2013	Class A Common Stock	8,000	\$ 15.9	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(2)</u>	02/19/2014	Class A Common Stock	10,000	\$ 23.78	D	Â
Options to Purchase	Â <u>(3)</u>	04/21/2015	Class A Common Stock	12,000	\$ 19.23	D	Â
Option to Purchase (ESPP)	01/01/2005	12/31/2005	Class A Common Stock	300	\$ <u>(4)</u>	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
YOUNG GREG C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109 CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	Â	Â	Â VP & Chief Accounting Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Greg Young 10/05/2005

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 4/18/2004.
- (2) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 2/19/2005.

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- (3) These options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on 4/21/2006.
- (4) Calculated in accordance with Sonic Automotive, Inc.'s Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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