

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
COSPER DAVID P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/03/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Vice Chairman and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than 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/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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--------|-----------|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | Price | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/03/2008 | | P | V | 5,000 | A \$ 5 | 5,000 | I | By spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/03/2008 | | P | V | 5,000 | A \$ 4.87 | 10,000 | I | By spouse |
| Class A Common Stock | 11/03/2008 | | P | V | 1,000 | A \$ 5 | 1,000 | I | By daughter |
| Class A | | | | | | | 118,900 | D | |

