

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4

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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 *
BELK WILLIAM I

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
6100 FAIRVIEW ROAD, #640

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/07/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

CHARLOTTE, NC 28210

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	08/07/2006		S		6,000	D	\$ 22.603 11,930
Class A Common Stock	08/09/2006		M		8,000	A	\$ 14.5 19,930
Class A Common Stock	08/09/2006		M		7,000	A	\$ 14.4 26,930
Class A Common Stock	08/09/2006		S		15,000	D	\$ 22.2111 11,930

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Class A
Common
Stock 6,000 I By
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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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase	\$ 14.5	08/09/2006		M	8,000	10/01/1999 03/31/2009	Class A Common Stock	8,000
Options to Purchase	\$ 14.4	08/09/2006		M	7,000	09/30/2003 03/31/2013	Class A Common Stock	7,000

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

/s/ William I.
Belk 08/09/2006

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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