

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4

November 16, 2006

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
IUPPENLATZ MARK J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,
INC., 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE
BOULEVARD

(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)

11/14/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Exec VP of Corp Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

X 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Class A Common Stock	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		1,900	A	\$ 7.9375	50,700	D
Class A Common Stock	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		S		1,900	D	\$ 28	48,800	D
Class A Common Stock	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		200	A	\$ 7.9375	49,000	D
Class A	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		S		200	D	\$ 28	48,800	D

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Common
Stock

Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾	M	7,900	A	\$ 7.9375	56,700	D
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Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾	M	20,000	A	\$ 10.0625	76,700	D
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Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾	S	27,900	D	\$ 28.02	48,800	D
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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
(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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/14/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		1,900		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	1,900
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/15/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		200		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	200
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		7,900		04/05/2001	10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock	7,900
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.0625	11/16/2006 ⁽¹⁾		M		20,000		⁽²⁾	11/01/2009	Class A Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
IUPPENLATZ MARK J C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 5401 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD CHARLOTTE, NC 28212			Exec VP of Corp Development	

Signatures

/s/ Mark J.
Iuppenlatz
11/16/2006
Date
Signature of Reporting Person

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 exercised and shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.
- (2) The options to purchase vested in 10,000 share increments on each of 11/1/2000 and 11/1/2001.

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