

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 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  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 Exec VP of Corp Development

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

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Common Stock								
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	7,900	A	\$ 7.9375	56,700	D
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	20,000	A	\$ 10.0625	76,700	D
Class A Common Stock	11/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		S	27,900	D	\$ 28.02	48,800	D

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 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	1,900	04/05/2001 10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock 1,900
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/15/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	200	04/05/2001 10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock 200
Options to Purchase	\$ 7.9375	11/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	7,900	04/05/2001 10/05/2010	Class A Common Stock 7,900
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.0625	11/16/2006 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	20,000	<sup>(2)</sup> 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

\*\*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 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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