

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *

Â COSPER DAVID P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

CHARLOTTE, Â NC Â 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/01/2006

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

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Executive VP and Treasurer

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

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 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)

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)

Date Exercisable Expiration Date Title Amount or Number of

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COSPER DAVID P C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109 CHARLOTTE, NC 28212 | Â | Â | Â Executive VP and Treasurer | Â |

Signatures

/s/ David P. 03/09/2006
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**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

- * 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).

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