

YOUNG GREG  
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 \*  
YOUNG GREG

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/15/2005

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP & Chief Accounting Officer

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

(Street)

4. 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

CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 or Price		
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M		2,100 A \$ 10.35	3,000	D
Class A Common Stock	12/15/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		2,100 D \$ 22.55	900	D
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M		1,000 A \$ 10.35	1,900	D
Class A Common Stock	12/16/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		S		1,000 D \$ 9.00	900	D

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Common Stock						22.55	
Class A Common Stock	12/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	4,900	A	\$ 10.35	5,800 D
Class A Common Stock	12/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		S	4,900	D	\$ 22.55	900 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.35	12/15/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	2,100	05/02/2004 05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	2,100
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.35	12/16/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	1,000	05/02/2004 05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	1,000
Options to Purchase	\$ 10.35	12/19/2005 <sup>(1)</sup>		M	4,900	05/02/2004 05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	4,900

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
YOUNG GREG C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.			VP & Chief Accounting	

6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28212

Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Greg Young

12/19/2005

\_\_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.

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