

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
July 27, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2004

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other	1-13395 (Commission	56-201079 (I.R.S. Employer
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)
5401 E. Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina (Address of Principal Executive Offices)		28212 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On July 27, 2004, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss
Stephen K. Coss

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: July 27, 2004