

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 22, 2011

**UNITED STATES  
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): **February 22, 2011**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-13395**

**56-201079**

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**6415 Idlewild Road, Suite 109  
Charlotte, North Carolina**

**28212**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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

**N/A**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 22, 2011, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On February 22, 2011, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

- 99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated February 22, 2011
- 99.2 Earnings call presentation materials
- 99.3 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated February 22, 2011

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report 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: February 22, 2011

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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