COSPER DAVID P

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#### FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction See Instruction 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

Symbol

1(b).

Class A

Stock

Common

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

			SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]				SAHJ	(Check all applicable)					
(Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC., 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/07/2009					Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below)					
	(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check				
CHARLOT	Filed(Month/Day/Year)					Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person							
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned									ly Owned			
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)				
Class A Common Stock	05/07/2009			P <u>(1)</u>	26,132	A	\$ 5.74	112,196	D				
Class A Common Stock								10,000	Ι	By spouse			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

By

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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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4.	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Titl		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Tear)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of	(Month/Day/		Under Securi	rlying	Security (Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

### **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

Vice Chairman and CFO

#### **Signatures**

/s/ David P. 05/11/2009 Cosper

\*\*Signature of Date
Reporting Person

## **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) Shares purchased from Sonic Automotive, Inc. in a private placement.

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