

DYKE JEFF  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
**DYKE JEFF**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,  
INC., 4401 COLWICK ROAD**

(Street)

**CHARLOTTE, NC 28211**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]**

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

**11/01/2012**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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	(A) or (D)	Price
Class A Common Stock	11/01/2012		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		10,548	A	\$ 1.81
Class A Common Stock	11/01/2012		<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		10,548	D	\$ 20
Class A Common Stock	11/05/2012		<u>M</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		31,120	A	\$ 1.81
Class A Common	11/05/2012		<u>S</u> <sup>(1)</sup>		31,120	D	\$ 20

Stock

Class A

Common 11/05/2012 S<sup>(2)</sup> 15,184 D \$ 20 150,474 D

Stock

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	\$ 1.81	11/01/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	10,548	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	10,548
Options to purchase	\$ 1.81	11/05/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	31,120	<sup>(3)</sup> 03/30/2019	Class A Common Stock	31,120

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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## Signatures

/s/ Jeff Dyke 11/05/2012

\*\*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.

(2) Shares sold pursuant to 10b5-1 trading plan.

(3) Options vested in three equal installments beginning on March 30, 2010.

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