SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC Form 4

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1. Name and Address of R	eporting Person*		
Wright	Theodore		М.
(Last) c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc 5401 E. Independence Blvd			(Middle)
	(Street)		
Charlotte	NC		28212
(City)	(State)		(Zip)
2. Issuer Name and Ticke	r or Trading Symbol 	Sonic Automotive	e, Inc. (SAH)
3. I.R.S. Identification (voluntary)	Number of Reporting P	erson, if an enti	lty
4. Statement for Month/Y	ear 6/01		
5. If Amendment, Date of	Original (Month/Year)		
6. Relationship of Repor	ting Person(s) to Issu	er (Check all app	olicable)
X_ Director _X (Officer _ give title below)	10% Owner _	Other (specify below)

	Vice Presio	dent & CFO						
7. Individual or Jo	oint/Group Fil	ling (Check	App]	icable Line)				
X Form filed				erson				
Table INon-Derivat	ive Securitie	es Acquired	, Dis	sposed of, or	Beneficial	ly Owned		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	action Date	action					5. Amount o Securiti Benefici Owned at End of	es al
	Year)			Amount	(D)		Month (Instr.	3
Class A Common Stock	6/22/01	M			А	\$6.00	43,475	
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1. Title of Derivat	 :ive	2. Conve	 r-	3. Tr	 ans-	4. Tra	 ansac-	

Security (Instr. 3)	sion or Exercise Price of Deriv- ative Security		action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)		tion Code (Instr. 8)		
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Options to purchase	\$	6.00	6/22		M 		
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	6. Date Excisable Expirate (Month Year)	e and tion /Day/	(Instr. 3	g Securities and 4)	of De at Se it (I	eriv- ive ecur- y nstr.	
	Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	3,		Owne at E of Mont (Ins
Options to purchase	(1)	11/17/07	Class A Common Sto	40,000 ck			416

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Of the options to purchase a total of 40,000 shares of Sonic's Class A Common Stock shown for Mr. Wright in the table above, options to purchase 13,333 shares became exercisable on November 17, 1998, options to purchase 13,334 shares became exercisable on November 17, 1999, and options to purchase 13,333 shares became exercisable on November 17, 2000.

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/s/ Theodore M. Wright 6/29/01

**Signature of Reporting Person Date
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If this 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).

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