SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 5

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F	+ ORM 5 +	SECURITIES AND	ED STATES EXCHANGE COMMISSION on, D.C. 20549			
[_]	Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may	Filed pursuant to Section	GES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP on 16(a) of the Securities , Section 17(a) of the			
	continue. See Instruction 1(b).	_	g Company Act of 1935 or vestment Company Act of 1940			
[_]	Form 3 Holdings Repo	rted				
[_]	Form 4 Transactions	Reported				
1.	Name and Address of	Reporting Person*				
	Rachor,	Jeffrey	С.			
	(Last) c/o Sonic Automotive 5401 E. Independence		(Middle)			
		(Street)				
	Charlotte,	NC	28212			
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)			
2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)					
3.	<pre>I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</pre>					
4.	Statement for Month/Year 12/00					
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)					
6.	Relationship of Repo	rting Person(s) to Issuer	(Check all applicable)			
	[X] Director [X]	Officer [] 10 (give title below)	% Owner [] Other (specify below)			

Executive VP of Retail Operations

7. Individual or Joint/	Group Reporting	g (check ap	plicable li	.ne)		
X Form Filed by On	e Reporting Per	rson				
Form Filed by Mo	re than One Rep	porting Pers	on			
Table INon-Derivative	Securities Acqu					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date	3. Trans	- 4. Se n or	ecurities Acque Disposed of Enstr. 3, 4 ar	ired (A) (D)	5. Amount of Securiti Benefici Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Y
* If the form is filed b 4(b)(v).						
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Security

)ptions to pu	urchase	\$11.1	L9 	4/28/00	A		
Options to pu		\$7.94		10/5/00	A		
6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day Year)	nd n y/	7. Title and Amou Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and	curities 4)	8.	Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derative Securities Beneficial	iv-
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The options to purchase 50,000 shares of Class A Common Stock shown above will vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning April 28, 2001.

/s/ Jefferey	C. Rachor	1-31-01
**Signature	of Reporting Person	Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.