

LITHIA MOTORS INC
Form SC 13G
December 22, 2014

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

LITHIA MOTORS, INC.
(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock without par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

536797103
(CUSIP Number)

December 10, 2014
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.

GLENVIEW CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of	5.	Sole Voting Power	0
Shares	6.	Shared Voting Power	1,401,848
Beneficially	7.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
Owned by Each	8.	Shared Dispositive Power	1,401,848
Reporting			
Person With			

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,401,848

10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.92%

12. Type of Reporting Person:

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LAWRENCE M. ROBBINS

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

(a)

(b)

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States of America

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5.92%

12. Type of Reporting Person:

IN, HC

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer

Lithia Motors, Inc. (the "Issuer")

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

150 N. Bartlett Street, Medford, Oregon 97501

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing

This Statement is filed on behalf of each of the following persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"):

i) Glenview Capital Management, LLC ("Glenview Capital Management");

ii) Lawrence M. Robbins ("Mr. Robbins").

This Statement relates to Shares (as defined herein) held for the accounts of Glenview Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Glenview Capital Partners"), Glenview Capital Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("Glenview Capital Master Fund"), Glenview Institutional Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Glenview Institutional Partners"), Glenview Offshore Opportunity Master Fund, Ltd., a Cayman Islands exempted company ("Glenview Offshore Opportunity Master Fund"), and Glenview Capital Opportunity Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Glenview Capital Opportunity Fund").

Glenview Capital Management serves as investment manager to each of Glenview Capital Partners, Glenview Capital Master Fund, Glenview Institutional Partners, Glenview Offshore Opportunity Master Fund, and Glenview Capital Opportunity Fund. Mr. Robbins is the Chief Executive Officer of Glenview Capital Management.

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business office of each of Glenview Capital Management and Mr. Robbins is 767 Fifth Avenue, 44th Floor, New York, New York 10153.

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

i) Glenview Capital Management is a Delaware limited liability company;

ii) Mr. Robbins is a citizen of the United States of America.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock without par value (the "Shares")

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

536797103

Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to §§240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c),
Check Whether the Person Filing is a:

This Item 3 is not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership:

Item 4(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

As of December 19, 2014, each of Glenview Capital Management and Mr. Robbins may be deemed the beneficial owner of 1,401,848 Shares. This amount consists of: (A) 40,185 Shares held for the account of Glenview Capital Partners; (B) 465,459 Shares held for the account of Glenview Capital Master Fund; (C) 234,261 Shares held for the account of Glenview Institutional Partners; (D) 391,931 Shares held for the account of Glenview Offshore Opportunity Master Fund; and (E) 270,012 Shares held for the account of Glenview Capital Opportunity Fund.

Item 4(b) Percent of Class:

As of December 19, 2014, each of the Reporting Persons may be deemed the beneficial owner of approximately 5.92% of Shares outstanding. (There were approximately 23,688,734 Shares outstanding as of October 31, 2014, according to the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q, filed October 31, 2014.)

Item 4(c) Number of Shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote:	0
(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote:	1,401,848
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	0
(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of:	1,401,848

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

This Item 5 is not applicable.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

See disclosure in Items 2 and 4 hereof. Certain funds listed in Item 2(a) are known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares covered by this Statement that may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:

See disclosure in Item 2 hereof.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

This Item 8 is not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

This Item 9 is not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

GLENVIEW CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Mark J. Horowitz
Mark J. Horowitz
President of Glenview Capital Management, LLC

LAWRENCE M. ROBBINS

By: /s/ Mark J. Horowitz
Mark J. Horowitz, attorney-in-fact for Lawrence M. Robbins

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the statement on Schedule 13G with respect to the Class A Common Stock of Lithia Motors, Inc. dated as of December 22, 2014 is, and any amendments thereto (including amendments on Schedule 13D) signed by each of the undersigned shall be, filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

GLENVIEW CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Mark J. Horowitz
Mark J. Horowitz
President of Glenview Capital Management, LLC

LAWRENCE M. ROBBINS

By: /s/ Mark J. Horowitz
Mark J. Horowitz, attorney-in-fact for Lawrence M. Robbins

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EXHIBIT B

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I, Lawrence M. Robbins, hereby make, constitute and appoint Mark J. Horowitz, acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing in my name, (a) in my personal capacity or (b) in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer or in other capacities of Glenview Capital Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and each of its affiliates or entities advised or controlled by me or Glenview Capital Management, LLC, all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, filings and agreements (“documents”) to be filed with or delivered to any foreign or domestic governmental or regulatory body or required or requested by any other person or entity pursuant to any legal or regulatory requirement relating to the acquisition, ownership, management or disposition of securities, futures contracts or other investments, and any other documents relating or ancillary thereto, including, without limitation, all documents relating to filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation: (1) all documents relating to the beneficial ownership of securities required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(d) or Section 16(a) of the Act, including, without limitation: (a) any acquisition statements on Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, (b) any joint filing agreements pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k), and (c) any initial statements of, or statements of changes in, beneficial ownership of securities on Form 3, Form 4 or Form 5 and (2) any information statements on Form 13F required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(f) of the Act.

All past acts of the attorney-in-fact in furtherance of the foregoing are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in effect until revoked, in writing, by the undersigned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney, this 10th day of February, 2009.

/s/ Lawrence M. Robbins
Lawrence M. Robbins
