

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*

Heller H Robert
(Last) (First) (Middle)

90 Gilmartin Drive
(Street)

Tiburon CA 94920
(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("SAH")

3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity
(voluntary)

4. Statement for Month/Year 3/01

5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

X Director Officer 10% Owner Other

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(give title below)

(specify below)

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person

Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (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 at End of Month (Instr. 3 a)
		Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	
Class A Common Stock	3/2/01	P		10,000	A	\$8.30	
Class A Common Stock	3/21/01	P		10,000	A	\$7.96	26,000

/s/ Robert Heller

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	3. Transaction	4. Transaction Code
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Exercise	Date	(Instr. 8)
Price of	(Month/	
Deriv-	Day/	
ative	Year)	
Security		

Code V

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

6. Date Exer- cisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/ Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe of De ative Secur ities Bene- ficia Owned at En of Month (Inst
Date Expira- Exer- tion cisable Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares		
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Explanation of Responses:

/s/ RObert Heller	4-6-01
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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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