

SMITH DAVID BRUTON

Form 3/A

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FORM 3**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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burden hours per
response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *

Â SMITH DAVID BRUTON

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE,
INC.,Â 6415 IDLEWILD
ROAD, SUITE 109

(Street)

CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28212

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/16/2008

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner☒ Officer ☐ Other

(give title below) (specify below)

Executive Vice President

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

10/24/2008

6. 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 Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities

Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership

Form:

Direct (D)

or Indirect

(I)

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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information contained in this form are not
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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and

Expiration Date

(Month/Day/Year)

Date

Exercisable

Expiration

Date

3. Title and Amount of

Securities Underlying

Derivative Security

(Instr. 4)

Title

Amount or

Number of

4. Conversion

or Exercise

Price of

Derivative

Security

5. Ownership

Form of

Derivative

Security:

Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect

Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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		Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Options to Purchase ⁽¹⁾	⁽²⁾	05/02/2011	Class A Common Stock	0	\$ 10.35	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH DAVID BRUTON C/O SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC. 6415 IDLEWILD ROAD, SUITE 109 CHARLOTTE, NC 28212	X		Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ David B. Smith 02/04/2011

Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) The reporting person is filing this Form 3/A to remove this option grant that was reported on a Form 3/A filed January 14, 2011 and to return his list of holdings to those originally reported on his Form 3 on October 16, 2008. At the time of filing that Form 3/A, the reporting person believed the option grant was erroneously omitted from his original Form 3 filing. However, subsequent to the filing of the Form 3/A, it was discovered that this option grant had been exercised prior to the reporting person's original Form 3 filing and was not beneficially owned by the reporting person on the date he became a director and Section 16 officer of Sonic Automotive, Inc. Therefore, it was properly not reported on his original Form 3 filing.

(2) Options to purchase vested in three equal annual installments beginning on May 2, 2002.

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