#### SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 4 April 29, 2008

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading DOOLAN VICTOR H Issuer Symbol SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC [SAH] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) X\_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 35 VIA MONARCA 04/25/2008 below) (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting DANA POINT, CA 92629 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Class A Common 04/25/2008 A 2,934 Α <u>(1)</u> 7,178 D Stock

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

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

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| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/         | Year)           | Under   | lying    | Security    | Secui    |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e                   |                 | Securi  | ities    | (Instr. 5)  | Bene     |
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|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |                     |                 |         | Shares   |             |          |

# **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| Reporting Owner Name / Address                            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |  |
| DOOLAN VICTOR H<br>35 VIA MONARCA<br>DANA POINT, CA 92629 | X             |           |         |       |  |  |  |

## **Signatures**

/s/ Victor H.
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the 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).
- (1) Restricted stock granted pursuant to the Sonic Automotive, Inc. 2005 Formula Restricted Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

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