SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC

Form 5

February 12, 2001

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++ FORM 5 ++		SECURITIES AND E	ED STATES EXCHANGE COMMISSION on, D.C. 20549					
[_]	Check box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b). ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP 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							
[_]] Form 3 Holdings Reported							
[_]	_] Form 4 Transactions Reported							
1.	Name and Address of R	eporting Person*						
	Belk,	William	I.					
	(Last)	(First)	(Middle)					
	6100 Fairview Road, #640							
		(Street)						
	Charlotte,	28210						
	(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 Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)							
		fficer [] 109 give title below)	Owner [] Other (specify below)					

7.	Individual or Joint/Gr	oup Reportin	ng (ch	eck applic	able line	∍)		
	X Form Filed by One	Reporting Pe	erson					
	Form Filed by More	than One Re	eportin	g Person				
	Table INon-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned							
1.	Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date	- 3.	Trans- action Code	4. Secuor I	urities Ac Disposed o str. 3, 4 (A) or	quired (A) f (D)	Securit: Benefic: Owned at end of Issuer': Fiscal
	If the form is filed by 4(b)(v).	more than or	ne repo	rting pers	son, see	instructio	n	
Τέ	able IIDerivative Secu (e.g., puts, calls	_		_		_	Owned	
1.	Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2.		r se of	3. Trans	on Lh/	4. Tran tion	sac- Code tr. 8)

Options to		\$8.88		3/31/00			
cisable and		Underlying Sec	Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9.	Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned
Date Exer- cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				at End of Year (Instr. 4)
9/30/00	3/31/10	Class A	10,000				20,000
		Common Stock					

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ William I. Belk Jan. 19, 2001
-----**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.