

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
February 24, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2004

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-13395
(Commission File Number)

56-201079
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5401 E. Independence Boulevard, Charlotte, North
Carolina**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

28212
(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 24, 2004, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this current report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

By: _____ /s/ Stephen K. Coss

Stephen K. Coss

Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: February 24, 2004