

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
July 31, 2003

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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## 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): **July 31, 2003**

## 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)

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



**Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure**

On July 31, 2003, we issued a press release announcing several pending acquisitions.

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: July 31, 2003