

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
January 21, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**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): January 20, 2016**

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or other jurisdiction**  
**of incorporation)**

**1-13395**  
**(Commission**

**56-2010790**  
**(IRS Employer**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**4401 Colwick Road**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**28211**  
**(Zip Code)**

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

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On January 18, 2016, the board of directors of Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the Company ) increased the dollar amount authorized for the Company to repurchase shares of its Class A common stock pursuant to its previously announced share repurchase program. On January 20, 2016, the Company repurchased approximately \$16.9 million of its Class A common stock in a block purchase. Following such purchase, approximately \$82.4 million remained authorized for repurchases under the Company s share repurchase program.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Date: January 20, 2016

By: /s/ Stephen K. Coss  
Stephen K. Coss  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel