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May 06, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K/A

AMENDMENT TO CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): May 1, 2002

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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

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(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

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Item 5. Other Events

On November 21, 2000, Sonic Automotive, Inc. ("Sonic") filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (Reg. Nos. 333-50430 and 333-50430-01 through 333-50430-G7) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the public offering pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of up to \$300 million in securities of Sonic (as amended, the "Registration Statement"). On December 14, 2000, the Commission declared the Registration Statement effective.

On May 2, 2002, Sonic filed a preliminary prospectus supplement with the Commission relating to the offer and sale of \$130 million (\$149.5 million if the underwriters' over-allotment is exercised in full) of 5 1/4% Convertible

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Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009 (the "Notes"). The Notes will be issued pursuant to a supplement to the form of subordinated indenture (the "Supplemental Indenture") by and among Sonic and U.S. Bank National Association ("U.S. Bank"). The form of indenture was previously filed with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. The form of Supplemental Indenture which governs the terms of the Notes, the form of Note and the Form T-1 of U.S. Bank with respect to U.S. Bank acting as Trustee under the Indenture are filed as exhibits hereto.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No. -----	Description -----
1.1	Purchase Agreement dated as of May 1, 2002 between Sonic Automotive, Inc. and Co., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Incorporated, Banc of America Securities, Inc. and First Union Securities, Inc.
4.1	Form of Supplemental Indenture by and among Sonic and U.S. Bank National Association
4.2	Form of 5-1/4% Convertible Senior Subordinated Note due 2009 (included in Exhibit 4.1)
4.3	Form of Subordination Agreement dated as of May 7, 2002 between O. Bruton Smith and U.S. Bank National Association
5.1	Opinion of Moore & Van Allen PLLC regarding the validity of the Notes
23.1	Consent of Moore & Van Allen PLLC (included in Exhibit 5.1)
25.1*	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of U.S. Bank National Association

\* Previously filed.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this amendment to 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  
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Stephen K. Coss  
Vice President and General Counsel

Dated: May 6, 2002