

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
December 18, 2002

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): December 17, 2002

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 December 17, 2002, we issued a press release announcing revised earnings targets.

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/ THEODORE M.
WRIGHT

Theodore M. Wright
President and Chief
Financial Officer

Dated: December 17, 2002