

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
February 20, 2019

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

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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 20, 2019

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SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

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| 1-13395      | 56-2010790     |
| (Commission  | (IRS           |
| File Number) | Employer       |
|              | Identification |
|              | No.)           |

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|---|------------|
| 4401 Colwick<br>Road<br>Charlotte,<br>North<br>Carolina | 28211      |
| (Address of<br>principal<br>executive<br>offices)       | (Zip Code) |

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

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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:

Written  
communications  
pursuant to Rule 425  
under the Securities  
Act (17 CFR  
230.425)

Soliciting material  
pursuant to Rule  
14a-12 under the  
Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement  
communications  
pursuant to Rule  
14d-2(b) under the  
Exchange Act (17  
CFR 240.14d-2(b))

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

Indicate by  
check mark  
whether the  
registrant is  
an emerging  
growth  
company as  
defined in  
Rule 405 of  
the Securities  
Act of 1933  
(§230.405 of  
this chapter)  
or Rule 12b-2  
of the  
Securities  
Exchange Act  
of 1934  
(§240.12b-2  
of this  
chapter).  
Emerging  
growth  
company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 20, 2019, Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 (the “Earnings Press Release”). A copy of the Earnings Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and a copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | <u>Press Release of Sonic Automotive, Inc., dated February 20, 2019</u> |
| 99.2        | <u>Earnings Call Presentation Materials</u>                             |

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the exhibits attached hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in any such filing.

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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: /s/  
February 20, 2019 By: STEPHEN  
K. COSS  
Stephen K.  
Coss  
Senior Vice  
President  
and General  
Counsel