

WYATT E LEE  
Form 3  
April 23, 2003

FORM 3

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility  
Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

**Wyatt, E. Lee**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**c/o Sonic Automotive, Inc.  
5401 East Independence Boulevard**

(Street)  
**Charlotte, NC 28212**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event

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Requiring Statement

Month/Day/Year

**04/22/2003**

3. I.R.S. Identification  
Number of Reporting  
Person, if an entity  
(voluntary)

4. Issuer ~~name~~ or Trading Symbol

**Sonic Automotive, Inc.**  
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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

- Director
- 10% Owner
- Officer (give title below)
- Other (specify below)

Description  
**Senior Vice President and Treasurer**

6. If Amendment,  
Date of Original  
(Month/Day/Year)

7. Individual or Joint/Group  
Filing (Check Applicable Line)

- Form filed by One Reporting Person
- Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security

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(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr.4)

3. Ownership Form:

Direct (D)

or

Indirect (I)

(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security  
(Instr. 4)
2. Date Exercisable(DE) and  
Expiration Date(ED)  
(Month/Day/Year)

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DE / ED

3. Title and Amount of  
Underlying Securities  
(Instr. 4)

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Title / Amount or Number of Shares

4. Conversion or  
Exercise  
Price of  
Derivative  
Security

5. Ownership  
Form of  
Derivative  
Security:  
Direct (D)  
or  
Indirect (I)

(Instr.5) 6. Nature of  
Indirect  
Beneficial  
Ownership

(Instr.5) **Options to Purchase**  
4/21/2004 (1) / 4/21/2013  
**Class A Common Stock / 75,000**  
**\$15.90**  
D

**Explanation of Responses:**

(1) These options vest in three (3) equal annual installments beginning on April 21, 2004.

**By: Date:** /s/ E. Lee Wyatt 04/22/2003 E. Lee Wyatt \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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