

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC  
Form 8-K  
October 23, 2012

**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): October 23, 2012

**SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

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**1-13395**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**56-201079**  
(IRS Employer  
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**

**N/A**

**(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On October 23, 2012, we issued a press release announcing results for our fiscal quarter and nine month period ended September 30, 2012.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. A copy of the earnings call presentation materials is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2.

**Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On October 23, 2012, we issued a press release announcing the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.3.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated October 23, 2012

99.2 Earnings call presentation materials

99.3 Press release of Sonic Automotive, Inc. dated October 23, 2012

**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.

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

Dated: October 23, 2012

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

**Exhibit**

| <b>No.</b> | <b>Description</b>                                             |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
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