

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE INC
Form 8-K
October 25, 2018

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 25, 2018

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

4401
Colwick
Road
Charlotte, 28211
North
Carolina
(Address of
principal (Zip
executive Code)
offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 566-2400
Not Applicable
(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)

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.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 25, 2018, Sonic Automotive, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for its fiscal third quarter ended September 30, 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 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 25, 2018, in the Earnings Press Release, the Company announced the approval of a quarterly cash dividend.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1 | <u>Press Release of Sonic Automotive, Inc., dated October 25, 2018.</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.

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.

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| Date: | /s/ |
| October | By: STEPHEN |
| 25, 2018 | K. COSS |
| | Stephen K. |
| | Coss |
| | Senior Vice |
| | President |
| | and General |
| | Counsel |