

SONIC CORP
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**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): December 14, 2001

SONIC CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

0-18859
(Commission File Number)

73-1371046
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

101 Park Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(405) 280-7654

73102
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountants.

Ernst and Young LLP was previously the principal accountant for the Company. On December 14, 2001, that firm's appointment as principal accountant was terminated and Arthur Andersen LLP was engaged as principal accountant. The decision to change accountants was made because the Company believes it will be better served by an accounting firm having a larger number of accountants in its Oklahoma City office. The decision to change the Company's independent accountants was recommended by the Company's Audit Committee and approved by its Board of Directors.

In connection with the audits of the two fiscal years ended August 31, 2000 and 2001, respectively, and during the subsequent interim periods preceding the decision to change independent accountants, there were no disagreements with Ernst & Young LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreements if not resolved to their satisfaction would have caused Ernst & Young LLP to make reference in connection with their opinion to the subject matter of the disagreement. Additionally, during the two most recent fiscal years ended August 31, 2000 and 2001, respectively, and during the subsequent interim period preceding the decision to change independent accountants, there have been no reportable events (as defined in Regulation S-K, Item 304(a)(1)(v)).

