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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP  
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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

Price Thomas A.  
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(Last) (First) (Middle)  
  
240 Bridgeway, Suite A-230  
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(Street)  
  
Sausalito CA 94965  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)  
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3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity  
(voluntary) -----

4. Statement for Month/Year March/2002  
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year) -----

6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

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Vice Chairman

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Table I--Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans- action Date  (Month/ Day/ Year)	3. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 a	
			V	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price
Class A Common Stock	3-14-02	G	V	650	D		
Class A Common Stock	3-15-02	G	V	165	D		
Class A Common Stock	3-27-02	S(1)		290,000	D	30.13	
Class A Common Stock	4-1-02	S(1)	V	110,000	D	30.01	1,000,355
Class A Common Stock							600

\*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b) (v).

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Explanation of Responses:

(1) Sale pursuant to a variable prepaid forward contract, dated as of March 31, 2002, between the reporting person and Banc of America Securities LLC. The final sales prices and number of shares delivered are subject to adjustment upon settlement of the contract based on the closing price of the Issuer's Class A Common Stock on selected dates in March and April of 2005.

/s/ Thomas A. Price	4/10/02
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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