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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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940  
(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*

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

2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/00

3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person if an Entity (Voluntary)  
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4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Sonic Automotive, Inc. (SAH)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  
 Director    Officer (give title below)    10% Owner    Other (specify below)  
Vice Chairman

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 01/06/00

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

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1. Title of Security (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)
<S> Class A Common Stock	<C> 1,804,393(1)	I	<C> By reporting person as trustee for The Price Trust

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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 reported person, see Instruction 5(b) (v).

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TABLE II--DERIVATIVE SECURITIES BENEFICIALLY OWNED  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Nature of In-Security (Instr. 4) direct Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6.
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
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Explanation of Responses:

(1) The Form 3 originally filed by the reporting person incorrectly indicated that 20,000 of these shares were held directly.

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

/s/ Thomas A. Price                      April 10, 2002  
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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

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