

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
(AMENDMENT NO. 1)*

SONIC AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Class A Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

83545G-10-2

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 1998

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

/X/ Rule 13d-1(b)
/ / Rule 13d-1(c)
/ / Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Salomon Smith Barney Inc.
11-2418191

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) / /
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

NUMBER OF

(5) SOLE VOTING POWER

0

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	478,125
OWNED BY		
EACH	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING		
PERSON	(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	478,125
WITH:		
(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		478,125
(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) / /		
(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		8.5%
(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		BD

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)		
Salomon Brothers Holding Company Inc 13-3082695		
(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)		
	(a) / /	
	(b) / /	
(3) SEC USE ONLY		
(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		Delaware
NUMBER OF	(5) SOLE VOTING POWER	0
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	478,125
OWNED BY		
EACH	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING		
PERSON	(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	478,125
WITH:		
(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		478,125
(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) / /		

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 8.5%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) CO

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
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Salomon Smith Barney Holdings Inc.
22-1660266

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) / /
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF (5) SOLE VOTING POWER 0

SHARES

BENEFICIALLY (6) SHARED VOTING POWER 478,125

OWNED BY

EACH (7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0

REPORTING

PERSON (8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 478,125

WITH:

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 478,125

(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) / /

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 8.5%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) HC

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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Citibank, N.A.
13-5266470

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) / /
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF SHARES	(5) SOLE VOTING POWER	0
BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	428,700
EACH REPORTING PERSON	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
WITH:	(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	428,700

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 428,700

(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) / /

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 7.7%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) BK

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
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Citicorp
06-1515595

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) / /
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF	(5) SOLE VOTING POWER	0
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	428,700
OWNED BY		
EACH	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING		
PERSON	(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	428,700
WITH:		
(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		428,700

(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) / /

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 7.7%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) HC

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(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS
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Citigroup Inc.
52-1568099

(2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

(a) / /
(b) / /

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

NUMBER OF	(5) SOLE VOTING POWER	0
SHARES		
BENEFICIALLY	(6) SHARED VOTING POWER	906,825
OWNED BY		
EACH	(7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	0
REPORTING		
PERSON	(8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	906,825
WITH:		
(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		906,825

(10) CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE
INSTRUCTIONS) / /

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 16.2%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) HC

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Sonic Automotive, Inc.

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

5401 E Independence Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28212

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Salomon Smith Barney Inc. ("SSB")
Salomon Brothers Holding Company Inc ("SBHC")
Salomon Smith Barney Holdings Inc. ("SSB Holdings")
Citibank, N.A. ("Citibank")
Citicorp
Citigroup Inc. ("Citigroup"). Citigroup is hereby amending the
Schedule 13G previously filed by Citicorp and Citibank, which
are now wholly owned subsidiaries of Citigroup.

Item 2(b). Address or Principal Office or, if none, Residence:

The address of the principal office of each of
SSB, SBHC and SSB Holdings is:

388 Greenwich Street
New York, NY 10013

The address of the principal office of each of Citibank and
Citicorp is:

399 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10043

The address of the principal office of Citigroup is:

153 East 53rd Street
New York, NY 10043

Item 2(c). Citizenship or Place of Organization:

SSB is a New York corporation.

Citibank is a national banking association.

SBHC, SSB Holdings, Citicorp and Citigroup are Delaware
corporations.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock

Item 2(e). Cusip Number:

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Item 3. If this Statement is Filed Pursuant to Sections 240.13d-1(b) or
240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a(n):

(a) [X] Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the
Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);

- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c) Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d) Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e) Investment adviser in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) Parent holding company or control person in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) Savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i) Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3)
- (j) Group, in accordance with Section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

Item 4. Ownership. (as of December 31, 1998)

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: See item 9 of cover pages
- (b) Percent of Class: See item 11 of cover pages
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

See Items 5-8 of cover pages

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Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following .

Item 6. Ownership of More Than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not Applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

SBHC is the sole stockholder of SSB; SSB Holdings is the sole stockholder of SBHC; Citicorp is the sole stockholder of Citibank; and Citigroup is the sole stockholder of each of Citicorp and SSB Holdings.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not Applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not Applicable.

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Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 25, 1999

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

By: /s/ Marla A. Berman

Name: Marla A. Berman
Title: Assistant Secretary

SALOMON BROTHERS HOLDING COMPANY INC

By: /s/ Howard M. Darmstadter

Name: Howard M. Darmstadter
Title: Assistant Secretary

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Howard M. Darmstadter

Name: Howard M. Darmstadter
Title: Assistant Secretary

CITIBANK, N.A.

By: /s/ Kenneth S. Cohen

Name: Kenneth S. Cohen
Title: Vice President and
Assistant Secretary

CITICORP

By: /s/ George E. Seegers

Name: George E. Seegers
Title: Vice President and
Secretary Pro-Tem

CITIGROUP INC.

By: /s/ Marla A. Berman

Name: Marla A. Berman
Title: Assistant Secretary

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EXHIBIT INDEX TO SCHEDULE 13G

EXHIBIT 1
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Agreement among SSB, SBHC, SSB Holdings, Citibank, Citicorp and Citigroup as
to joint filing of Schedule 13G

EXHIBIT 2
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Disclaimer of beneficial ownership by SSB Holdings, Citicorp and Citigroup

EXHIBIT 1

AGREEMENT AS TO JOINT FILING OF SCHEDULE 13G

Each of the undersigned hereby affirms that it is individually eligible to use Schedule 13G, and agrees that this Schedule 13G is filed on its behalf.

Date: January 25, 1999

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY INC.

By: /s/ Marla A. Berman

Name: Marla A. Berman
Title: Assistant Secretary

SALOMON BROTHERS HOLDING COMPANY INC

By: /s/ Howard M. Darmstadter

Name: Howard M. Darmstadter
Title: Assistant Secretary

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Name: Marla A. Berman
Title: Assistant Secretary

EXHIBIT 2

DISCLAIMER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Each of the undersigned disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities referred to in the Schedule 13G to which this exhibit is attached, and the filing of this Schedule 13G shall not be construed as an admission that any of the undersigned is, for the purpose of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this Schedule 13G.

Date: January 25, 1999

SALOMON SMITH BARNEY HOLDINGS INC.

By: /s/ Howard M. Darmstadter

Name: Howard M. Darmstadter

Title: Assistant Secretary

CITICORP

By: /s/ George E. Seegers

Name: George E. Seegers

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CITIGROUP INC.

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