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 | FORM 4 | UNITED STATES 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)
2400 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)  
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4. Statement for Month/Year 08/01  
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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)  
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6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)

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

(specify below)

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

Form filed by One Reporting Person

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Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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)	
			V	Amount	(A) or (D)		Price
Class A Common Stock	08/01/01	S		200,000	D	\$21.90	
Class A Common Stock	08/03/01	S		123,300	D	\$22.4959	
Class A Common Stock	08/07/01	S		76,700	D	\$22.4901	1,384,393
Class A Common Stock	08/10/01	S		3,223(1)	D	\$ 3.1027(1)	16,777

Table II--Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of	3. Transaction Date (Month/	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)
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### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This transaction was a private sale by Mr. Price to a family member pursuant to a previously-negotiated agreement.

/s/ Thomas A. Price	09/05/01
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If this form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.  
See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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