

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13 G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment No. 2*

Name of Issuer: WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE CO

Title of Class of Securities: COMMON

CUSIP Number: 96038610

*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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CUSIP NO. 96038610

1. Name of Reporting Person, S.S. or I.R.S. Identification No. of above person:

First Manhattan Co. 13-1957714

2. Check the appropriate box if a member of a group:

(a) []
(b) [X]

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization:

New York

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED
BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:

5. Sole Voting Power: 88,450

6. Shared Voting Power: 1,581,600

7. Sole Dispositive Power: 88,450

8. Shared Dispositive Power: 1,665,500

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by
Each Reporting Person: 1,753,950**

10. Check Box If The Aggregate Amount in Row (9)
excludes Certain Shares []

11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row 9: 6.90%

12. Type of Reporting Person:

BD, IA, PN

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** Includes 308,150 shares owned by family members of General Partners of First
Manhattan Co. which are being reported for informational purposes. First
Manhattan Co. disclaims dispositive power as to 219,650 of such shares and
beneficial ownership as to 88,500 of such shares.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE CO

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's
Principal Executive Offices: 1001 AIR BRAKE AVE
WILMERDING, PA 15148

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: First Manhattan Co.

Item 2(b) Address Principal Business Office:
437 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Item 2(c) Citizenship: U.S.A.

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

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number: 96038610

Item 3 Check whether the person filing is a:

Item 3(a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.

Item 3(b) - (d) Not applicable.

Item 3(e) Investment Advisor registered under Section 203
of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940.

Item 3(f) - (h) Not applicable.

Item 4(a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1,753,950**

Item 4(b) Percent of Class: 6.90%

Item 4(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote 88,450

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote 1,581,600

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of 88,450

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the
disposition of 1,665,500

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of Class: []

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent
on Behalf of Another Person: Not applicable.

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Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary
Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on
By the Parent Holding Company Not applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members
Of the Group Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group Not applicable.

Item 10 Certification.

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

February 11, 1999

Date

Signature

Neal K. Stearns, General Partner

Name/Title