



ITEM 1.

(A) NAME OF ISSUER

(B)

SONOCO PRODUCTS COMPANY

(B) ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

P.O. BOX 160  
ONE NORTH SECOND STREET  
HARTSVILLE, SC 29551-0160

ITEM 2.

(A) NAME OF PERSON FILING

STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, TRUSTEE

(B) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE,  
RESIDENCE

225 FRANKLIN STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110

(C) CITIZENSHIP

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

(D) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

COMMON STOCK

(E) CUSIP NUMBER

835495102

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B), OR  
13D-2(B), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

(B) ☒ BANK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(A)(6) OF THE ACT

SCHEDULE 13G

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ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

(A) AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED

4,884,879 SHARES

(B) PERCENT OF CLASS

5.1%

(C) NUMBER OF SHARES AS TO WHICH SUCH PERSON HAS:

(I) SOLE POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE

1,208,371 SHARES

(II) SHARED POWER TO VOTE OR TO DIRECT THE VOTE

3,647,451 SHARES

(III) SOLE POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF

1,232,048 SHARES

(IV) SHARED POWER TO DISPOSE OR TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF

3,652,831 SHARES

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

NOT APPLICABLE

NOT APPLICABLE

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION SHALL BE INCLUDED IF THE  
STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-1(B):

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 PURPOSES OR EFFECT.

THIS REPORT IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT STATE STREET BANK AND  
TRUST COMPANY IS THE BENEFICIAL OWNER OF ANY SECURITIES COVERED BY  
THIS REPORT, AND STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY EXPRESSLY  
DISCLAIMS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF ALL SHARES REPORTED HEREIN  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13D-4.

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.

7 FEBRUARY 2003

STATE STREET CORPORATION  
STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY,  
TRUSTEE

/s/ SUSAN C. DANIELS  
VICE PRESIDENT