

FASTENAL CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Rucinski Steven A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
2001 THEURER BLVD.  
  
(Street)

WINONA, MN 55987

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
FASTENAL CO [FAST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
02/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/14/2012		M	25,000 A \$ 22.5	25,120	D	
Common Stock	02/14/2012		S	25,000 D \$ 50.99	120	D	
Common Stock					6,528 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock					6,192 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By 401(K) Plan

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

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**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 Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.5	02/14/2012		M	25,000	(1) 05/31/2016	Common Stock	25,000
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 35					(4) 05/31/2019	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Rucinski Steven A 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987	Director 10% Owner Officer Executive Vice President

## Signatures

John Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
02/15/2012  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the 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).
- (1) The options will vest and become exercisable over a period of eight years, with 50% of the options vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period, which is May 1, 2011, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately on

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each anniversary of the date of the grant of the option occurring after the initial 50% vesting date.

- (2) Shares held jointly with reporting person's spouse.
- (3) Shares held in 401(K) Plan as of December 31, 2011.

As reported in Form 4 filed on 4/20/2011, these options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of seven years, with 50% of

- (4) the options vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately on each anniversary of the date grant of the option occurring after the initial 50% vesting date.

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