

FASTENAL CO
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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)
12/11/2012

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 | 12/11/2012 | | M | 12,500 A \$ 22.5 | 12,620 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2012 | | S | 9,011 D \$ 40.3 | 3,609 | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/11/2012 | | S | 3,500 D \$ 43.08 | 3,028 ⁽⁵⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 6,427 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 22.5 | 12/11/2012 | | M | 12,500 | <u>(1)</u> 05/31/2016 | Common Stock 12,500 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 35 | | | | | <u>(2)</u> 05/31/2019 | Common Stock 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to buy) | \$ 54 | | | | | <u>(3)</u> 05/31/2021 | Common Stock 37,500 |

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

John Milek,
Attorney-in-Fact

12/13/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The options 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, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately on each anniversary of the date of the grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date.

(1)

The options vest and become exercisable over a period of seven years, with 50% of the options vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately (14%, 14%, 14% and 8%) on each anniversary of the date of the grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date.

(2)

The options vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with 50% of the options vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately (20%, 20% and 10%) on each anniversary of the date of the grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date

(3)

(4) Shares attributed to reporting person's account within issuer's 401(K) Plan as of September 30, 2012.

(5) Shares held jointly with reporting person's spouse.

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