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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Rucinski Steven A			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FASTENAL CO [FAST]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last) (First) (Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction			(Check all applicable)			
2001 THEURER BLVD.			(Month/Day/Year) 04/17/2012			Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
WINONA, N	1N 55987		Filed(Month/Day/Year)			Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table	e I - Non-Derivative Se	curities Ac	quired, Disposed	of, or Beneficia	lly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction I (Month/Day/Ye	ar) Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)		(A) or of (D)	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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock						6,528 <u>(5)</u>	D		
Common Stock						6,192 (3)	I	By 401(K) Plan	
Common Stock						120	D		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	\$ 54	04/17/2012		A	37,500	<u>(1)</u>	05/31/2021	Common Stock	37,500
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.5					(2)	05/31/2016	Common Stock	75,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 35					<u>(4)</u>	05/31/2019	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				•	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer		Other

Rucinski Steven A 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987

Executive Vice President

Relationships

Signatures

John Milek, Attorney-in-Fact 04/19/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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).
- The options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with 50% of the option vesting and becoming exercisable (1) half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable incrementally (20%, 20% and 10% respectively) on each anniversary of the date of grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date.
 - The options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of eight years, with 50% of the option vesting and becoming exercisable
- (2) half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately on each anniversary of the date of grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date.
- (3) Shares attributed to reporting person's account within issuer's 401(K) Plan as of December 31, 2011.
 - The options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of seven years, with 50% of the option vesting and becoming exercisable
- (4) half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately on each anniversary of the date of grant of the option occurring after the initial vesting date.
- (5) Shares held jointly with reporting person's spouse.

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