

FASTENAL CO  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**OBERTON WILLARD D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**2001 THEURER BOULEVARD**  
  
(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)  
**04/17/2012**

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)  
**CEO and 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock					481,632	D	
Common Stock					136,912 <sup>(4)</sup>	I	Owned by Spouse
Common Stock					600 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Held 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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 54	04/17/2012		A	125,000	(1)	05/31/2021	Common Stock	125,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 22.5					(2)	05/31/2013	Common Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
OBERTON WILLARD D 2001 THEURER BOULEVARD WINONA, MN 55987	X		CEO and President	

## Signatures

/s/ John Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact

04/18/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The option 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 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 50% vesting date.

The options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of five 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.

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- (3) Shares attributed to reporting person's account within issuer's 401(K) Plan as of December 31, 2011.
- (4) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.

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