

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**

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 \*  
Hein LeLand J

(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)  
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)  
Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,000   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,475 <sup>(3)</sup>  | I  | Held in 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)       | \$ 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  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 05/31/2016                                    | Common Stock 75,000   |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)       | \$ 27  |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u> 05/31/2018                                    | Common Stock 75,000   |

**Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                          | Relationships                    |
|---|----------------------------------|
|   | Director 10% Owner Officer Other |
| Hein LeLand J<br>2001 THEURER BLVD.<br>WINONA, MN 55987 | Executive Vice President         |

**Signatures**

John Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
04/19/2012  
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 fully vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with 50% of the option vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable incrementally (20%, 20% and 10%

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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.

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