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FORM 4

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(City)

(State)

(Zip)

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting FLORNESS DANIEL L | ng Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol FASTENAL CO [FAST] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | |
|--|-------------|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | |
| 2001 THEURER BOULEY | VARD | (Month/Day/Year) 04/19/2016 | _X_ Director 10% Owner Specify below) Other (specify below) CEO and President | | |
| (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | |
| WINONA, MN 55987 | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | |

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| 2. Transaction Date | 2A. Deemed | 3. | 4. Securities | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | 7. Nature of |
| (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transactio | onAcquired (A) or | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect |
| | any | Code | Disposed of (D) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | (4) | Reported | | |
| | | | | Transaction(s) | | |
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Code V Amount (D) Price

| Common | 101 045 | D |
|--------|---------|---|
| Stock | 101,845 | ע |

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|--------|------------------------|---|---------|
| Common | 3,873 (3) | T | 401(K) |
| Stock | <i>3</i> ,673 <u>~</u> | 1 | 701(IX) |
| SIOCK | | | Plan |

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

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(Instr. 3 and 4)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of on Derivative Securities Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, a 5) |) or (D) | 6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/ | ate | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-------------|--|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 46 | 04/19/2016 | | A | 130,434 | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/31/2025 | Common Stock | 130,43 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 54 | | | | | | (2) | 05/31/2021 | Common Stock | 50,000 |
| Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$ 42 | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | 05/31/2024 | Common Stock | 19,047 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|--|--|
| • 0 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| FLORNESS DANIEL L 2001 THEURER BOULEVARD WINONA, MN 55987 | X | | CEO and President | | | |

Signatures

/s/ John Milek, Attorney-in-Fact 04/21/2016

**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).
- These options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of five years, with 50% vesting and becoming exercisable halfway (1) through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable incrementally (20%, 20% and 10%) each year thereafter.

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- (2) These options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of eight years, with 50% vesting and becoming exercisable halfway through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately each year thereafter.
- (3) Shares attributed to reporting person's account within the issuer's 401(K) Plan as of April 20, 2016.

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