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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

obligations may continue.

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

(Print or Type Responses)

OBERTON WILLARD D			Symbol FASTENAL CO [FAST]			_	Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2001 THEURER BOULEVARD			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012					(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO and President			
(Street) WINONA, MN 55987				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tal	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secui		ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	ly Owned
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) 02/03/2012		ed Date, if	3.		ies Ac	equired (A)	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							48.0013	136,912 <u>(1)</u>	I	Owned by Spouse
	Common Stock								600 (2)	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amoun	t of	Derivative	Deriv
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	Derivative				Securities	1		(Instr. 3	and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
					(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
								,	Amount		
					Date	Expiration	or Title Numb	Number			
						Exercisable	Date		of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Keiauonsnips					
	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 02/07/2012

**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).
- (1) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (2) Shares maintained in 401(K) Plan as of December 31, 2011.

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