

Polipnick Gary A.  
Form 4  
November 30, 2017

**FORM 4**

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Polipnick Gary A.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2413 ADVANCE ROAD

(Street)

MADISON, WI 53718

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

FASTENAL CO [FAST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

11/28/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Executive Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	11/28/2017		M		30,000	A	\$ 27	91,059	D
Common Stock	11/28/2017		S		30,000	D	\$ 50.0287	61,059 <sup>(3)</sup>	D
Common Stock								7,539 <sup>(2)</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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 27	11/28/2017		M	30,000	<u>(1)</u> 05/31/2018	Common Stock	30,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Polipnick Gary A. 2413 ADVANCE ROAD MADISON, WI 53718	Executive Vice President

## Signatures

/s/ John J. Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact 11/30/2017

\_\_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) The options will fully vest and become exercisable over a period of eight years, with 50% of the options vesting and becoming exercisable half way through the relevant vesting period, and the remainder vesting and becoming exercisable proportionately each year thereafter.
  - (2) Shares attributed to reporting person's account within issuer's 401(K) Plan as of November 30, 2017 and includes 292 shares added to this account since the reporting person's last holdings report filed on January 5, 2017.
  - (3) Includes 1,735 shares maintained in a self-directed IRA.

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