

FASTENAL CO  
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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 \*  
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)  
08/24/2012

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)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	235 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 43.66	54,307	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	7 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 43.66	1,735 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	3 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 43.66	898 <sup>(2)</sup> <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Held by Spouse
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	10 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 43.66	2,478 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Held by Daughter
Common Stock	08/24/2012		P	7 <sup>(1)</sup> A \$ 43.66	1,796 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Held in custodian account for

Common Stock	08/24/2012	P	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 43.66	896 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	Daughter Held in custodian account for Daughter
Common Stock	08/24/2012	P	11 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$ 43.75	2,672 <sup>(3)</sup>	I	By Trust <sup>(4)</sup>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 3 and 4)
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## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ John J. Milek,  
Attorney-in-Fact

08/28/2012

\_\_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) Shares acquired pursuant to a broker administered dividend reinvestment program.
- (2) Shares maintained in a self-directed IRA.
- (3) Reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (4) Reporting person's spouse serves as a Trustee of a Trust maintained for the benefit of spouse's sibling.

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