

Hein LeLand J
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Hein LeLand J

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)
 2001 THEURER BLVD.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/29/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Executive VP

WINONA, MN 55987

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 | 11/29/2017 | | M | 10,000 A | \$ 27 20,258 | D | |
| Common Stock | 11/29/2017 | | S | 10,000 D | \$ 1.0007 10,258 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 5,197 ⁽²⁾ | 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 | 11/29/2017 | | M | 10,000 | ⁽¹⁾ 05/31/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Hein LeLand J 2001 THEURER BLVD. WINONA, MN 55987 | | | Senior Executive VP | |

Signatures

John 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 becoming exercisable half way through the 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 34 shares added to this account since the reporting person's last holdings report filed on October 10, 2017.

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